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# 'Reshape the military's plans'

» Dentons: Now is the time to act

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Public concerns on the U.S. military's live-fire plans will provide substance to the administrative record used in lawsuits against the U.S. Department of Navy should they stomp ahead with plans adverse to the economic, social, and environmental wishes of the CNMI.

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## Tax rebates payable total $43M

» $32.2M comes from 2013 and prior rebates that are unpaid

» Audit notes lack of periodic review of rebate payable reports

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As of Sept. 30, 2014, tax rebates that remain to be paid now amount to $43 million, with the bulk of it amounting to $32.2 million coming from 2013 and prior unpaid rebates, according to the Commonwealth's audit for fiscal year 2014.

The Deloitte and Touche LLC audit shows that the payable tax rebates consist of:

■ $4,413,089 in estimated 2014 liability based on fiscal year 2014 collections;

■ $24,505 in American Opportunity Tax Credit;

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## IT&E: 4G back, just slow

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IT&E said Friday that the CNMI's 4G network has been partially restored but is still under limited capacity.

In a statement, IT&E reminded users they would not experience the high-speed data they are used to on their phones.

However, with the partial restoration to the 4G networks, IT&E said users would no longer need to use GSM SIM cards that were provided during previous days.

On the repairs to their undersea cable, IT&E said they would provide a "final outage resolution schedule" once the repair ship has arrived and a visible inspection of the cable

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## 3rd time's the charm: LibDay parade pulls through

Two young spectators at Saturday's Liberation Day parade brave the downpour by draping themselves in the flags of the United States and the CNMI. JOEL PINAROC

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By JAYSON CAMACHO
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» Ticket No. 24381 wins $10K grand prize

» Yapese community wins float competition

"Third time's the charm," said Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang as he made his way toward his rented Navy blue Mustang and drove off after Saturday's 2015 Liberation Day Parade.

Since two tropical storms had already scotched the parade—originally on July 4 and then again on July 11—Apatang was right on the button when he said the third time was the charm.

There was no storm but it was raining so hard that hundreds of community members and visitors with umbrellas lined Beach Road in Garapan Saturday morning to watch the 70th Liberation Day parade.

Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio and Sen. Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan) both agreed that the rain was a blessing.

As it neared 10am, parade goers could be seen from the main stage area in front of Kristo Rai Church.

A total of 22 marchers and 14 floats took part in the parade, making their way from Quartermaster Road to the stage opposite the Garapan Fishing Base.

The first line of marchers included the Matua Riders, Apatang, Liberation Day executive committee chair Christopher

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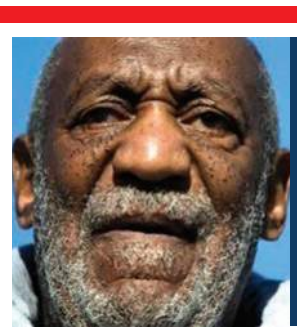

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# Local

Members of the planning committee for the 2015 Tournament of Champions pose with Triple J Motors representatives in front of the Mazda 6 Sport sedan that will be featured as a hole-in-one prize at the event. The Tournament of Champions will be held on Aug. 1 and 2 at the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort.

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# Mazda 6 Sport sedan is TOC hole-in-one prize

With its offer of a brand new 2016 Mazda 6 Sport sedan as a hole-in-one prize, Triple J Motors has just added to the excitement of the upcoming Tournament of Champions Golf Tournament that will take place on Aug. 1 and 2, 2015.

"For 20 years, the Tournament of Champions has been raising funds that benefit worthwhile community projects and activities," said Randy Steele, Triple J Motors general manager. "We are glad to be partnering with the tournament's organizing committee to make this year's event extra special."

"Triple J Motors' contribution of a Mazda 6 Sport sedan raises the excitement level for our players," said Ben Babauta, tournament director. "We are grateful for the company's participation in this year's tournament as well as its generosity over the past 20 years."

The 20th Annual Tournament of Champions will be played at the LaoLao Bay Golf and Resort's East & West Courses on Aug. 1 and 2. The two-day event is bigger and better than ever with exciting hole-in-one prizes and the chance to win thousands of dollars in possible prizes. The TOC tournament fee is $200.

First place winners in the Men's Championship, A, B, C, Senior and Super Senior Flights will each receive $500 cash, $400 for second, $300 for third, a digital camera to fourth, and $100 DFS gift certificate for fifth place. The Ladies Low Gross champion will receive $500, $400 for second, and $300 for third place. The first, second, and third place winners of the Ladies Low Net will receive a trophy.

There will be hundreds of thousands dollars worth of prizes that will be at stake in the two-day tournament, including hole-in-one prizes that include other brand new vehicles donated by Atkins Kroll Toyota, Joeten Motors, and Club C. Pacifica Insurance and Club C are also sponsoring cash prizes as hole-in-one prizes, while Saipan Laolao Golf & Resort is also offering one year of free golf as another hole-in-one prize. Delta Air Lines and Asiana Airlines are also offering airline tickets as hole-in-one prizes.

The tournament will also be featuring $1,000 cash prize for closest to pin competition with a 25-year-old bottle of Chivas Regal.

Since its inception, TOC has given over $700,000 to the Saipan Beautification Fund, which has gone directly to improvements like the tree-lined traffic medians that stretch from Garapan to the former Palm Resort Saipan, as well as the revitalization of the Garapan special district. In addition, TOC also contributed funds for the Paseo de Marianas, the lighting of the Saipan Beach Pathway, and most recently the beautification of the Port to Park pathway.

For more information about sponsorship opportunities for the 2015 TOC, contact Babauta at 483-2563 or Hillary Agulto at 236-2571. For player information and to download the registration form, visit www.tocSaipan.com. ***(TOC)***


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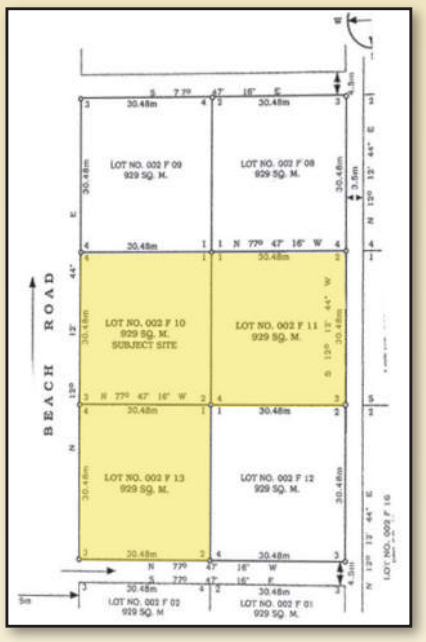
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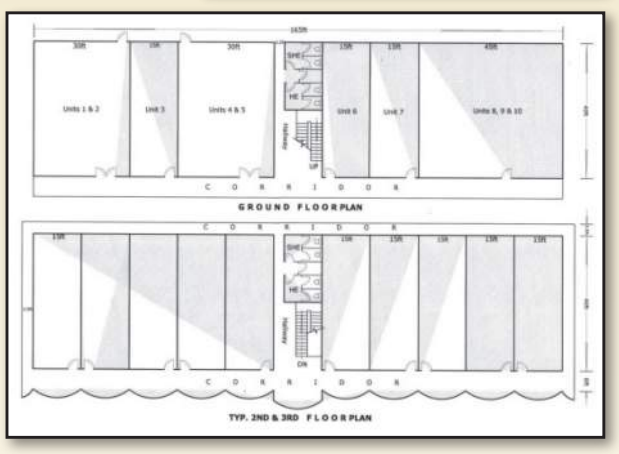


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# Repair vessel will be subject to taxes

By JOEL PINAROC
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A repair vessel from Taiwan that will fix IT&E's damaged undersea fiber optic cable will be subject to taxes in the CNMI depending on its cargo.

This is according to Jose C. Mafnas, director of the Division of Customs.

"They [the vessel] have to go through the proper Customs clearing, and be imposed taxes with what they bring in," Mafnas said.

He assured IT&E, the service provider, which has contracted the repair vessel, that Customs "will assist in any way we can so that it can be facilitated faster."

Mafnas added that once they are informed of the schedule of arrival of the vessel, "Customs offices will be ready for it."

However, Mafnas said, Customs has not yet been informed of the schedule of the vessel as of last Friday.

Last week, IT&E said the ship that will do repairs on its damaged fiber optic cable is on its way to Saipan.

According to James Oehlerking, CEO of PTI, which is the parent company of IT&E, the ship will be arriving on the island this week.

"We've locked down the departure and arrival schedule with the repair ship," Oehlerking said, "We're expecting a transit time that will have it arrive Tuesday [July 22] approximately 4am in the morning."

Pieces of equipment that were identified and required for the repair will also be in the ship but some will also be loaded on Saipan, including the replacement piece for the fiber optic cable.

Oehlerking said repair process will begin right away. He added that they are looking at a two-day work timeline once the ship arrives.

The ship is a specialized vessel; that uses jets instead of propellers to hold it in place for the repair process.

Oehlerking said it will be deploying a submersible to be able to determine the exact damage.

As of Tuesday last week, divers were not able to locate the damaged portion of the cable.

"We've reached the limit of how far the divers can go down. We've pretty much gotten much information out of that as we can," Oehlerking said.

He added that they evaluated the suggestion to just put up a new line instead of repairing the existing fiber optic cable.

# Man gets 1-year sentence for domestic violence

Former Corrections officer Mariano Q. Falig Jr., who slashed the tire and scratched the vehicle of his then-pregnant girlfriend and threatened to kill her outside a bar in Garapan last November, has been sentenced to a year in prison.

Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio gave Falig 230 days of credit for time served.

Falig pleaded guilty to assault and criminal mischief as part of a plea deal.

Falig threatened the victim and damaged her vehicle with a knife on Nov. 26, 2014, on Saipan.

Police detective Flora Danica B. Aguon stated in her report that, according to the victim, she and co-workers had gone to the Abyss Bar and Restaurant in Garapan when Falig confronted her outside the bar, accused her of having an affair, and then slashed the front right tire of her vehicle with a knife.

Falig also used his vehicle to hit and scratch the victim's car three times, and then used the knife to scratch her car twice.

He also threatened to kick the victim's stomach and cut her neck. The victim at that time was five months pregnant with their child.

When she told him she was going to call the police, he got into his vehicle and left the area.

The girlfriend said Falig has been abusing her many times in the past but she never reported it to police.

In March 2014, a federal court jury acquitted Falig of charges that he distributed methamphetamine or "ice" on Saipan. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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# Torres: Second EIS extension needed due to communications crisis

Acting governor Ralph DLG Torres has asked for second extension to the public comment period on U.S. military live-fire training plans due to the current communications breakdown.

In a letter last week to Marine Corps Forces Pacific executive director Craig Whelden, Torres asked for a short extension of 14 days to receive public comments.

As of Friday, the administration said they had not received a reply. The letter was written last Wednesday and made public on Thursday.

"As you are aware, Typhoon Nangka passed through the Northern Marianas Islands causing a great amount of damage to our infrastructural resources resulting in a complete loss of telephone and Internet connection to the outside world," Torres wrote.

Typhoon Nangka was the second major storm—the other was Typhoon Dolphin—that struck the NMI in the last 30 days, Torres said. This has caused serious disruption to efforts to reach out to the CNMI people so they could more effectively participate in the National Environmental Act Policy process, he added.

As telephone and Internet problems continued, Torres noted difficulty in reaching out to the public on planned open-house information meetings. The administration continued with the meetings on Saipan and Tinian last week.

"Under the present circumstance our residents and citizens cannot submit comments over the 'net or research the website established to present the relevant information about the [CNMI Joint Military Training] project," Torres said.

Torres said the harm caused by the storms has resulted in significant reduction in the time for the administration to carry through its public outreach mission before the end of the comment period for the CJMT project, which currently ends Aug. 4. ***(Dennis B. Chan)***

## IT&E

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break is completed.

The repair ship, which is from Taiwan, was scheduled to depart at 10pm on Thursday. It is expected to arrive this Wednesday at 4am, barring any delays due to weather conditions in the area.

IT&E advises the public to maximize their Internet experience by connecting directly to their router but limit users to one at a time; turn off streaming and gaming; log off and disconnect completely when finished using the Internet; and use Internet only for information and basic communication.

In his weekly e-newsletter, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said his office continues to work with federal agencies to monitor response to the telecommunication outage in the Northern Mariana Islands.

"Most services are restored, though some are at limited speeds and capacity; and the Federal Emergency Management Agency reports no requests for federal assistance have been received. The Federal Reserve and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation tell us that by last Monday ATMs at most local banks were operational. Credit card transactions are also possible, though slower than usual. Department of Homeland Security offices continue to rely on emergency procedures to assure that air travel to and from the NMI is not interrupted," the newsletter states.

Two weeks ago, damage caused to IT&E's undersea fiber optic cable triggered a network communications blackout that cancelled flights, halted bank transactions, and forced the social media-savvy to find new ways to communicate. Since that time, IT&E has successfully restored limited Internet capacity by restoring their backup "microwave link" system that reportedly was damaged by poor weather and not ready for service when the cable break occurred.

Last Wednesday, a week after the communications outage, acting governor Ralph DLG Torres declared a state of significant emergency for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota due to the massive communications breakdown.

## TAX

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■ $6,389,763 in Additional Child Tax Credit; and

■ $32,220,996 in 2013 and prior unpaid rebates.

This comes to a total of $43,048,353 in tax rebates payable.

Deloitte's audit, a copy of which was obtained by *Saipan Tribune* on Friday, showed that for unpaid tax year 2013 and prior rebates, of 29 unmatched filings relating to individual and corporate tax rebate payables of $4.3 million, eight totaling $789,767 did not match tax returns by $78,426.

Deloitte said the variances were substantially due to miscalculation of rebate taxes and pending amended returns.

Of 21 assessed and matched filings tested relating to individual and corporate tax rebate payables of $2.7 million, they noted that six totaling $658,998 did not match tax returns by $43,438 pending review and evaluation by the Division of Revenue and Taxation.

Deloitte noted that no interest is calculated or paid on overpayments.

Additionally, Deloitte found that no details or total of rebate payables relating to tax years 2010 and earlier are available from Revenue and Taxation.

Deloitte said this is due to the lack of periodic review of rebate payable reports to determine accuracy and completeness and the lack of established policies and procedures to assess the reasonableness of estimated rebates payable.

Further, the auditing firm noted that there is a lack of compliance with Public Law 9-22 relating to interest calculations on tax overpayments.

Deloitte said the effect of such condition is the possible misstatement of tax rebates payable.

However, the firm said, since the CNMI calculates an estimated tax liability based on current information, the amount recorded as tax rebate payable is a "best estimate."

In addition, Deloitte said, the CNMI has taken the approach of recording unmatched return variances as liabilities until the items listed are resolved.

The effect, Deloitte said, is also mitigated by a corresponding permanent tax reserve to offset disputes or claims.

Deloitte recommends that policies and procedures be established requiring periodic review of tax rebate payable reports to assess accuracy and completeness.

Deloitte also recommends that policies and procedures be created to assess the reasonableness of estimated rebates payable.

Deloitte recommends that Revenue and Tax properly file and maintain tax forms.

The auditing firm also recommends that recorded rebates payable be reconciled with the liability indicated on the tax forms and significant variances, if any, be investigated, monitored, documented, and timely addressed.

Revenue and Taxation's response and corrective action plan, filed by Maria T. White and Canice M. Diaz, disclosed that in fiscal year 2009, the division implemented a rebate payable review procedure. Currently, technical personnel do the reviews at least twice a year, the division said.

Revenue and Tax said the review of the summary and detailed reports includes tracing of amounts and verification of totals. In addition, the division said, samples are judgmentally selected for tracing to the tax return.

The CNMI Tax System has a payable processing routine to determine the reasonableness of payables based on pre-established threshold amounts and for returns with an initial status showing a tax due or payment made on a return.

A second level of review, the division said, shows the rebate payable amount as indicated on the return versus the amount of rebate in the rebate payable report.

"Any discrepancy outside a pre-established threshold amount would be flagged for review and resolution before a payment is made," said Revenue and Tax in its response to the audit.

As part of its payable processing routines, the CNMI Tax software is designed to compare the summary of tax liabilities against the summary of all payment credits and the recorded rebate payable to determine any significant discrepancy based on established threshold amounts.

Revenue and Tax said the payable subsystem will automatically flag any payable that falls outside the threshold amount and classify the payable as "requires review."

A report can be generated and the examination branch is tasked to do the review.

## RESHAPE

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Speaking to members of the public on Tinian and Saipan, Dentons partner Matthew Adams—from the firm hired by the government to review military impact documents—urged the public to explain and specify their concerns on the military's proposals.

"Whether you are for it, or against it, or you have some questions… or you would like to see things further explained, now is the time to act," Adams said on Tinian.

"…If you want to affect the course of the events here, yes, you should submit comments, even if your brother has, even if your friend has, even if you have previously. Take advantage of all your opportunities," he told the crowd.

Adam explained some ways to frame public comment. One, the Navy has a duty under law to consider all reasonable alternatives to what it is proposing, not just what it likes, prefers, or finds easiest. For example, the military has focused solely on Tinian and Pagan; if the public would like them to look at another location that could be commented on.

Second, there is analysis of impacts. The military has a responsibility to analyze and evaluate the significance of all reasonably foreseeable impacts, which can be broad and described as "short term, long term, or cumulative." If the conclusions the military reaches on impacts appear lacking, the public is urged to provide information as they are the ones "on the ground" and living here.

Third, there is mitigation of impacts. If the public has ideas on how impacts can be lessened, or would like more clarity on how their fishing or access to fishing areas would be impacted by the dredging and loss of coral reefs, for example, they are urged to comment on these concerns. The public is urged to provide information that impacted places or resources that they feel the military has not taken into account.

At meetings on both islands, Adams notably responded to questions about actions the CNMI could take should the military issue a "Record of Decision" finalizing their plans that the CNMI disagreed with.

"If the community doesn't feel the decision was right or that decision was based on inaccurate information, or legitimate concerns were not responded to properly, or again, alternatives were not considered—that is something that could be raised in the lawsuit," he said.

In general, Adams was describing key parts of the National Environmental Policy Act process, which compels federal agencies like the military to make clear and explain their plans. At the heart of this process is the consideration of alternatives, which Adams noted during a meeting on Saipan as one area in which the military's environmental documents are "most deficient."

Saying that there was no "super-agency" that steps in when a NEPA process goes off track, Adams said the process is designed is provide input so the process is moving in the right direction. "If the process reaches it's conclusion and it hasn't been moving in the right direction…the remedy normally is a lawsuit," he said.

All the writings that are generated as part of this process—including public comments—will be used as part of the administrative record. Litigation will be conducted on this basis.

The public is urged to comment on the military's proposals before Aug. 5, 2015.

On Tinian, the military construction and live-fire range activities will result in the dredging of acres of coral reefs, loss of agricultural grazing lands, displacement of local birds, and will compete with millions of casino resort investments just beginning to take hold on the island.

On Pagan, the military aims to lease the entire island to support its training areas there. They plan a high-impact zone for ordnance on Pagan's northern volcano.

The public can seek more information at cnmieis.org. or CNMIJointMilitaryTrainingEIS.com.

Written public comment forms are also available from the administration.

## LIBDAY

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Leon Guerrero, and Liberation Day committee president Louis Rodgers, along with the VIP guests.

VIPs included Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Skywalker Communications Group president Dr. Bo Hu, Northern Islands Mayor Jerome K. Aldan, Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas, members of the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council, Philippine honorary consul Eli Arago, Japan Consul Hitoshi Kikuchi, Korean Association vice president Jun Soo Park, and Pacific Development Inc.'s Takahiro Tomie.

Other marchers were the Department of Public Safety's color guards, former Supreme Court chief justice Jose S. Dela Cruz as the 2015 Liberation Day grand marshal, Man'amko King Diego Pua and Queen Minerva Maghanoy, 2014 Liberation Day Royal Court, cadets of the CNMI JROTC, Saipan Neighborhood Watch, Japanese Society of Northern Mariana Island, Northern Mariana Island Football Association, Best Sunshine Int., District 204 Lion's Club, McDonald's Saipan, Saipan Falun Dafa Association, Coca-Cola and Foremost, Beyond Limits 670, Big Trucks, American Red Cross Response Team along with Department of Public Health, Homeland Security and Emergency Management Office, and the CNMI Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services.

The floats included Cholll A Bellu (CAB) or the Belau CAB Dancers, Korean Association of Saipan, Mariana Resort & Spa, Marianas Adventures, Northern Islands Mayor's Office, KKMP Alternative Zero Coalition and Domannaka Matsuri Team, Papago Lancheros, Saipan Care for Animals, Tan Holdings, Let's Go, United Filipino Organization, Stellar Marianas, Yapese Community of Saipan, and the 2015 Liberation Day Royal Court.

The parade ended at 12pm at the carnival grounds at the Garapan Fishing Base. This year's theme was "Peace in Diversity" and Skywalker, Saipan Mayor's Office, and the 2015 Liberation Day Committee coordinated the parade.

Aside from the importance of the celebrating the opening of the gates of Camp Susupe 70 years ago, Apatang said that after many years, the community has been independent, self-sustaining, and capable of making sensible decision to cautiously stay the course.

"Today, we have grown into a mixture of many cultures and our growth in diversity has been gradual over 70 years of staying the course. Regardless of the groundswell of different thoughts about the growth in our island, diversity is here to stay," he said.

### Competition winners

The announcement of the raffle and the float competition winners took place at 8pm at the Liberation carnival grounds.

For the float competition, the Yapese community won first place and took home $4,000; Cholll A Bellu took second and pocketed $3,000; the Papago Lancherus took third earning $2,000; and the United Filipino Organization took fourth, getting $1,000.

For the raffle, Rogers said they opted to maintain the anonymity of the winners. The winner of the $10,000 grand prize is ticket No. 24381. Second place and the winner of $5,000 is ticket No. 12039, while third place winner and $3,000 richer is ticket No. 12187. From fourth to the eighth place, the winners were ticket numbers 23948, 17807, 06477, 34669, and 29840, respectively.

A 31-minute fireworks display capped the day's celebration.

# ‘Single-threaded’ connection a concern

By JOEL PINAROC
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REPORTER

The Commonwealth has only one submarine cable system linking it to the outside world, unlike Guam which has several.

Dan Tydingco, executive vice president for external and legal affairs of GTA, described the CNMI’s connection as “single-threaded.”

In contrast, Guam has several privately owned cable systems connecting the island, Tydingco said. These cable systems are being used by four telecom providers: GTA, iConnect, IT&E, and DoCoMo, he said.

In case of damage to these cables, “Guam is never really dark,” he said.

Tydingco did a presentation in front of CNMI lawmakers early Friday on Capital Hill.

One of the questions that were asked is the possibility of the CNMI having another cable system.

Tydingco said it is probably up to the lawmakers and the CNMI government to determine if indeed the Commonwealth needs another system.

He stressed that he was not at the meeting with lawmakers to do a “sales pitch” and that the lawmakers merely want information.

Tydingco said the Federated States of Micronesia, Yap, and Palau are currently moving with plans to beef up their access to the outside world by connecting to the SEA-US submarine cable system that is currently being built.

GTA will also be connected to the cable system, which is expected to have massive capacities.

Tydingco said Yap and Palau are going to have “spurs” connected to the new cable system, which is expected to be completed in early 2017.

The GTA meeting was convened by Rep. Francis Taimanao (Ind-Saipan) in the aftermath of a massive communications breakdown more than a week ago that continues to affect Saipan.

Taimanao affirmed that the meeting with GTA was for lawmakers to get information.

The CNMI suffered a communications breakdown that affected mobile phone services and Internet access. Mobile services are currently online, but Internet access is still not fully restored.

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## U.S. Air Force Seeks Input on Historic Properties in Revised Divert Proposal

The U.S. Air force is asking for public comments. The Air Force requests comments on the potential effects to historic properties from the revised Divert proposal near and at Francisco C. Ada (Saipan International) Airport, Tinian International Airport, Saipan seaport, and Tinian seaport.

The Air Force previously sought input on historic properties in 2012 when it proposed to improve the Saipan and/or Tinian International Airports to accommodate training exercises and missions related to overall emergency preparedness in the Pacific. After receiving input from the CNMI government, Federal and local agencies, and community members, the Air Force has revised its proposal and is again inviting members of the public to assist in identifying potential adverse effects to historic properties.

The Air Force initially proposed building facilities and infrastructure at the Saipan and/or Tinian International Airports to support a combination of military cargo, fighter, and tanker aircraft and associated support personnel for diverted aircraft landings, joint military exercises, and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief efforts. Although the mission remains the same, the Air Force has revised its proposal to no longer include fighter aircraft; to decrease the extent of airport improvements; and to dramatically reduce the number of planned operations from 1,920 take-offs and landings to 720. As a result of these changes, the Air Force has developed three modified alternatives that include a reduced level of development at Saipan and Tinian.

With the proposed revisions to the Divert Activities and Exercises undertaking, the Air Force is revisiting the potential for adverse effects to historic properties in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The Air Force will conduct open house public outreach meetings on Saipan and Tinian to discuss the revised undertaking and seek public input on historic property identification, traditional cultural properties, and potential effects on historic properties. The public outreach meetings will be held at the following dates, times and locations:

- Tinian: Friday, July 24, 2015; 4:30 – 7:30pm; Tinian Elementary School, San Jose.
- Saipan: Saturday, July 25, 2015; 1:30 – 4:30pm; Saipan Multipurpose Center, Susupe.

Written and verbal comments related to historic properties will be accepted at the meetings. Interested individuals may also request to join the consultation process as an interested party. Those with interest in or information pertaining to the historic properties within the areas of potential effect are encouraged to submit comments to PACAF Public Affairs (ATTN: PACAF Divert Section 106 Consultation). 25 E Street, Suite G-108, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI 96253, or by email at pacaf.paops@us.af.mil. Comments will also be accepted on the project website at www.PACAFDivertMarianasEIS.com

# Tinian terminal renovation work begins

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REPORTER

Tinian Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas asked stakeholders to commit to the development of Tinian's commercial air travel at a groundbreaking ceremony for airport terminal improvements last Friday.

"I ask CPA and stakeholders to land a direct flight on Tinian within the next 12 months," San Nicolas said. "I know it is ambitious, but I know it can be done. Let us work together to make our next ceremony a ribbon-cutting to welcome our first direct flight from China."

San Nicolas was addressing a crowd that included acting governor Ralph DLG Torres, Bridge Investment Group officials—investors planning to build a casino resort on Tinian—and Commonwealth Ports Authority board members, among others.

"With the completion of the departure terminal, we hope to attract an investor who will be able promote Tinian as a premier tourist destination. But all projects of this scale require a public-private relationship," San Nicolas said.

Even with the terminal improvements completed, CPA will need crucial staffing and funding for Customs and Border Protection and Transportation Security Administration personnel to help facilitate direct flight passengers.

"As a government we need to provide the necessary infrastructure to make our investment financially feasible and today's groundbreaking is a huge step in that direction," San Nicolas said.

He also addressed another looming concern—that of the U.S. military—which is proposing a joint use of Tinian's sole commercial airport, with base camp activities to the north of the airport on military-leased property.

CPA, though, has a final say over any co-use airport lay down plans, or ALP. The ports authority would have to approve an ALP before it is submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration for approval.

Referring to this, San Nicolas stressed CPA's "major role in upcoming negotiations" and said he hopes they consider the position of Tinian's leadership in making their position. San Nicolas and Tinian leaders have expressed a firm "no" to military live-fire plans on the island.

"It is my position and it is the leadership's position that this facility was created and should be used primarily for civil aviation, for commercial aviation, and anything else is secondary," San Nicolas told the crowd.

The groundbreaking ceremony comes after four years of project delays and an initial groundbreaking for the terminal's improvements. CPA hopes this second ground breaking will lead to a ribbon cutting ceremony that's long-delayed.

CPA, though contractors ASC Corp., set a completion time of 270 days. SSFM CNMI, LLC is the construction manager. The contract amount is $1,944,610. The notice to proceed was given on June 22. A completion date is eyed for March 18, 2016.

CPA executive director Maryann Lizama thanked Tinian leaders and most especially the Tinian people for their patience "as we weathered the four years in an attempt to get this project back on track."

She cited CPA executive assistant Wendi Prater as "one figure that remained constant" and was present from the project's inception to the groundbreaking that day. She thanked Prater for "providing the continuity and not once dropping the ball.

In his brief remarks, acting governor Torres said it was important they have the same goal in front of them. "If we all have the same goal, the same resources…we can accomplish that goal," he said.

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**COUNCIL on DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

## NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 12, the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities hereby gives notice that it will hold its 1st Quarter General Membership Meeting on July 31, 2015, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Pacific Islands Club - Charley's Cabaret.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**
**II. ROLL CALL**
**III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
**IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – April 16, 2015
**V. REPORTS**
a. Chairman
b. Executive Director
c. Fiscal Committee Chairperson
d. State Plan Committee Chairperson
**VI. OLD BUSINESS**
a. Autism Awareness Month Activities Updates
b. 2017 – 2021 DD Basic Grant Five Year State Plan Focus Group Meetings and Surveys Updates
**VII. NEW BUSINESS**
a. Commonwealth Respite Services Program Workshop
b. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Training
c. National Disability Employment Awareness Month
**VIII. ACTION ITEMS**
a. Ratification/Approval of the Amendment to FY 2015 Assistive Technology Act Grant Budget
b. Ratification/Approval of Proposed State Plan Amendments for DD Basic Grant for FY 2015 and FY 2016
c. Election of Officers
**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
**XII. MISCELLANEOUS**
**XIII. NEXT MEETING**
**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

*Note: Pursuant to P.L. 8-41, Section 13(a) 7, the Council may vote to meet in Executive Session.*

In accordance to the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend this meeting and require special accommodations are requested to call the Council 5 days in advance at 664-7000. The Public is welcome to submit written or 3 minutes oral comments regarding the agenda above.

/s/ John DLG. Demapan
Acting Chairman

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC §9910, the public is advised that the Statewide Independent Living Council will hold its FY 2015 Third General Membership Meeting on Thursday, July 23, 2015 at the Bayview Hotel, Rota from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Interested individuals are welcome to attend.

## AGENDA

**I. Call to Order**
**II. Roll Call**
**III. Review and Adoption of Agenda**
**IV. Review and Adoption of FY 2015 Second General Membership** Meeting Minutes of 5/21/15
**V. Reports**
a. SILC Chairperson
b. CLI Executive Director
c. OVR Director
**VI. Old Business**
a. SILC Member Removal
b. Designated State Entity of Independent Living
c. Independent Living Service Contract
**VII. New Business**
a. SILC Member recommendation for Rota and replacement of expiring members
b. SILC Representative for SRC
**VIII. Consumer Forum**
**IX. Announcements/Miscellaneous**
**X. Adjournment**

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# Navy releases final SEIS on Marines' relocation to Guam

**SANTA RITA, Guam**—The Department of the Navy has published the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, or SEIS, that assesses the potential environmental consequences of establishing a live-fire training range complex, a cantonment area, a family housing area, and associated infrastructure in Guam.

The SEIS is specific to the relocation of the reduced number of Marines and dependents than previously analyzed in the 2010 Final Environmental Impact Statement for the *Guam and CNMI Military Relocation*.

In February 2012, the SEIS was initiated to reexamine the siting of the LFTRC and was subsequently expanded in October 2012 to include the cantonment and family housing areas as a result of the change in number and composition of the relocating Marine Corps forces.

The final SEIS contains a description of the potential effects to the environment and a thorough examination of 18 resource areas for all of the alternatives.

The final SEIS is available for review by the public at the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Library located in the University of Guam, the Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library in Hagatña, and digitally on the SEIS website (http://guambuildupeis.us).

With the release of the final SEIS, the Department of Navy has identified a new preferred alternative that was not identified in the draft SEIS. The Navy changed its preferred alternative based on continued analysis of reasonable alternatives and feedback from the public as well as local and federal agencies during the draft SEIS public comment period. The new preferred alternative is to construct and operate a cantonment area at the Naval Computer Telecommunications Site at Finegayan, a family housing area at Andersen Air Force Base, and a live-fire training complex at the Northwest Field of Andersen Air Force Base. This preferred alternative is not a final decision and may change from the release of the final SEIS to the signing of the Record of Decision.

This final SEIS does not affect all of the decisions made in the September 2010 Record of Decision. For example, the Apra Harbor wharf improvements, the relocation of U.S. Marine Corps Aviation Combat Element facilities to Andersen Air Force Base, the development of the North Gate and access road at the base, the air embarkation facilities, and the non-live fire training on Andersen South remain unaffected by the changes in force structure and siting of the live-fire training complex. The expanded scope of the SEIS does not include a transient aircraft carrier berthing in Apra Harbor or the Army Air and Missile Defense Task Force.

With the release of the final SEIS, the Navy anticipates issuing a Record of Decision later this summer.

For additional information about the proposed military relocation and the associated SEIS process visit the SEIS website at http://guambuildupeis.us. You can also sign up at the SEIS website to receive notifications when new information is posted. ***(JRM)***

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act, Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, through the Commonwealth Casino Commission ("Commission"), hereby give notice that the Commission has scheduled a meeting on Friday, July 24, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission's Office (Conference Room) at the Springs Plaza in Gualo Rai, Saipan.

The following Agenda will be discussed:

**I. PRELIMINARIES:**
A. Call to Order
B. Roll Call
C. Adoption of Agenda
D. Adoption of Minutes: June 4, 2015

**II. REPORTS:**
A. Report by the Chairman
B. Report by the Executive Director

**III. OLD BUSINESS:**
A. Casino Employee Licensing Matters
B. GLI Pre-opening Audit of Casino Gaming Equipment

**IV. NEW BUSINESS:**
A. Adoption of Emergency Casino Regulations
B. Adoption of Casino Regulations for Public Comments
C. Adoption of Minimum Internal Control Standards ("MICS")

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
**VII. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**
**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Commissioner may vote to meet in Executive Session. In addition, the Commission may extend its official meeting for another day if necessary.

**/s/ JUAN M. SABLAN**
Chairman

TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION
Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC §9910 (a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold a Regular Meeting on Thursday, July 23, 2015, at 9:00a.m. at the TCGCC Conference Room.

**AGENDA**

**I. PRELIMINARY**
a. Call to Order
b. Roll Call
c. Adoption of Agenda
d. Adoption of Minutes
**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS [1]**
**III. REPORTS**
a. Chair's Report
b. Executive Director's Report
**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
a. Management of Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino
**V. NEW BUSINESS**
a. Ratification of Table Movement Requests
b. Licensing Matters
i. Casino Key/Casino Employee License Applications
ii. Hotel Registrations
iii. Casino Service Industry License Application
iv. Casino License/Suitability Applications
c. Certification and Adoption of Regulation Pertaining to the Appointment of an Administrator
d. Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission's FY'2016 Budget
e. Adoption of Regulations Implementing TLL 18-05
**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION[2]**
**VII. MISCELLANEOUS/ADMNISTRATIVE MATTERS**
**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

[1]Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.

[2]Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time.


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# After 32 years, Japanese school has official school song

After 32 years the Japanese Community School of Saipan finally has its own school song.

The Saipan-based Japanese language school, which aims to teach the language to Japanese children who live on Saipan, said the melody was composed by Hiroki Tsuzuku while the words were written by Japanese Society of Northern Mariana Island president Junichi Kitagawa, who is also a former vice principal of the school.

Pacific Development Inc.'s Hiroko Tajima said the students and teachers are excited to share their own school song with the community and other schools.

It was during his visit to Saipan last week, from July 13 to 16, that Tsuzuku dropped by the Japanese Community School and was asked to compose the instrumental melody that would accompany the school song's lyrics.

Tsuzuku, who was caught by surprise by the request, said he never dreamed that one day he would receive such an invitation—to create a musical piece for a school.

"It was a great honor to compose the school song. I will always remember the images of the [students] after putting together the instruments and when the song was born," Tsuzuku said.

According to Tajima, "this will be a long-lived experience to embrace and remember for life. Saipan will always be a home away from home and he will always remember the students that took time out to volunteer and sing the song for him."

Kitagawa hopes that the song will be a symbol of the Japanese Community School so that when the students become alumni and listen to the melody of their school song, "they'll always remember about the good times they had at the Japanese Community School."

The school was first established in 1983. ***(Jayson Camacho)***

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### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**
**Available for Public Review**
**Northern Marianas Housing Corporation Consolidated Plan 2015-2019**
**And Program Year 2015 Annual Action Plan**
**June 29, 2015**

Governor Eloy S. Inos, Lt. Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, and the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors wish to announce the availability for public review and comment, the CNMI Consolidated Plan 2015-2019 (ConPlan) and the Program Year (PY) 2015 Annual Action Plan (AAP).

The ConPlan and AAP are mandated by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Community Planning and Development, for the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds by the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI). The CNMI Government is the designated recipient of these HUD grant funds. NMHC administers CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs on behalf of the CNMI Government.

The ConPlan sets forth the CNMI's plans for supporting low- and moderate-income populations through the creation and preservation of decent housing, sustainable living environments, and economic opportunities for the next five years.

The AAP announces the use of HUD CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds totaling $1,354,702 for the first year of this ConPlan cycle.

Copies of the ConPlan and AAP will be available beginning June 29, 2015 at the following NMHC locations:

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| • | Main Office: | Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, Saipan |
| • | Rota Field Office: | Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, SongSong Village, Rota |
| • | Tinian Field Office: | Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, San Jose Village, Tinian |

You may also download the document via NMHC's website at www.nmhcgov.net.

Written comments should be submitted to the NMHC Main Office, Saipan, no later than 4:30 p.m., Thursday, July 30, 2015. For further information, please contact Ms. Zenie P. Mafnas, Deputy Corporate Director, at 670-234-6866.

/s/ Jesse S. Palacios
Corporate Director

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### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE GUAM AND COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS MILITARY RELOCATION (2012 ROADMAP ADJUSTMENTS)

On behalf of the Department of Defense (DoD), the Department of the Navy (DON), in cooperation with the U.S. Federal Highway Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9, U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Insular Affairs, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the U.S. Department of the Air Force, has prepared the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Military Relocation (CNMI) (2012 Roadmap Adjustments). The Final SEIS evaluates the potential environmental effects of the proposed action of constructing and operating a cantonment area, a family housing area, a live-fire training range complex (LFTRC), and associated infrastructure on Guam to support the relocation of a substantially reduced number of Marines and dependents than was previously analyzed in the 2010 Final EIS for the Guam and CNMI Military Relocation; Relocating Marines from Okinawa, Visiting Aircraft Carrier Berthing, and Army and Missile Defense Task Force.

The Notice of Availability of the Final SEIS was published in the Federal Register on July 17, 2015 EDT/July 18 ChST. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations, and Environment) will announce the availability of its Record of Decision with respect to the proposed Marine Corps relocation in the Federal Register.

The Final SEIS has been distributed to various federal, state, and local agencies, elected officials, and other interested individuals and organizations. The Final SEIS is publically available at http://guambuildupeis.us/ and at the following libraries:

- University of Guam Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Library, Government Documents, Tan Siu Lin Building, UOG Station, 303 University Drive, Mangilao, GU 96923
- Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library, 254 Martyr Street, Hagatña, GU 96910.

The public may request copies of the Final SEIS Executive Summary by mail from the Joint Guam Program Office Forward, P.O. 153246, Santa Rita, Guam 96915.
For more information, please contact CAPT Joseph Campbell, Joint Guam Program Office at (703) 602-3924. On Guam, contact CDR Daniel Schaan, Joint Guam Program Office Forward, at (671) 339-6156.

## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

### Office of the Executive Director

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**
**CUC-IFB-15-019**

**NAVY HILL PRESSURE IMPROVEMENT & WATERLINE PROJECT – PART B**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Navy Hill Pressure Improvement & Waterline Project– Part B in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists of installation of 4"Ø Distribution line; relocation and reconnection of existing service laterals; installation of new service lateral mains; cut & cap of existing waterlines; booster pump by-pass system; replacement of non-working water meters; and restoration of existing asphalt concrete road. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 150 calendar days from date of award of contract.

***The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.***

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **July 10, 2015 at 9:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.10, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

**One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid MUST** be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-15-019, Navy Hill Pressure Improvement & Waterline Project – Part B to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 4, 2015,** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen percent (15%) of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The bid guarantee may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of one hundred percent (100%) of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of one hundred percent (100%) of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurance questions, concerns and qualification should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. The award of a contract may be contingent upon the CUC Board of Directors and Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission approval. If CUC Board and CPUC approval is required, the contract will not be executed by CUC until such approval is provided. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 17, 2015** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Larry Manacop, Project Manager via email at larry.manacop@cucgov.org, Nicolette Villagomez - nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org, Project Engineer.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

**JOHN RIEGEL**
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## EDITORIAL

# Close-ups of Pluto prove well worth the long wait

*The following editorial appeared in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette on Thursday, July 16:*

Sometimes all it takes is a quick call home to assure folks that everything is alright. After a nine-year, 3 billion-mile journey that would take it within 7,750 miles of Pluto, that's what NASA's New Horizons spacecraft did.

The planned 12-hour communications blackout was unnerving for NASA scientists and engineers waiting for confirmation that New Horizons hadn't encountered disaster during the last leg of its historic flyby of the dwarf planet.

Fortunately, all the angst was unnecessary. The beautiful close-up images of Pluto that New Horizons began transmitting on Wednesday brought to a close the most dangerous phase of one of the most wildly successful unmanned adventures in NASA's history.

It is breathtaking to realize that a spacecraft traveling at 31,000 mph made it through billions of miles of space and ultimately to Pluto's moon-crowded neighborhood without colliding into a single pebble-sized object that could have destroyed it or compromised its mission. That is a miracle in itself.

Humanity also caught a lucky break from the fact that Pluto isn't cloud-covered. Other than snowy areas at the poles, it is a beige world with youthful mountain ranges, methane ice and active weather patterns. It is also bigger than we once thought, though only by a mere 50 miles, so its dwarf planet status is likely to remain a debated topic for now.

For the next 16 months, New Horizons will continue to transmit images from its flyby of Pluto. It is fitting that this encounter is happening 50 years after the Mariner probe's historic Mars flyby. The Pluto mission marks the end of America's quest to survey all of our solar system's major (and minor) planets, but its long-range mission to poke around the outer edges of the solar system continues.

New Horizons is poised for a journey deep into the Kuiper Belt, where tens of thousands of minor planets are believed to exist. We have no map for where the probe is going or what it will encounter. In a few years it will be beyond radio contact, so the time we have with it now is precious.

Should it encounter something truly spectacular out there, NASA wouldn't mind another call home, even if it is collect.

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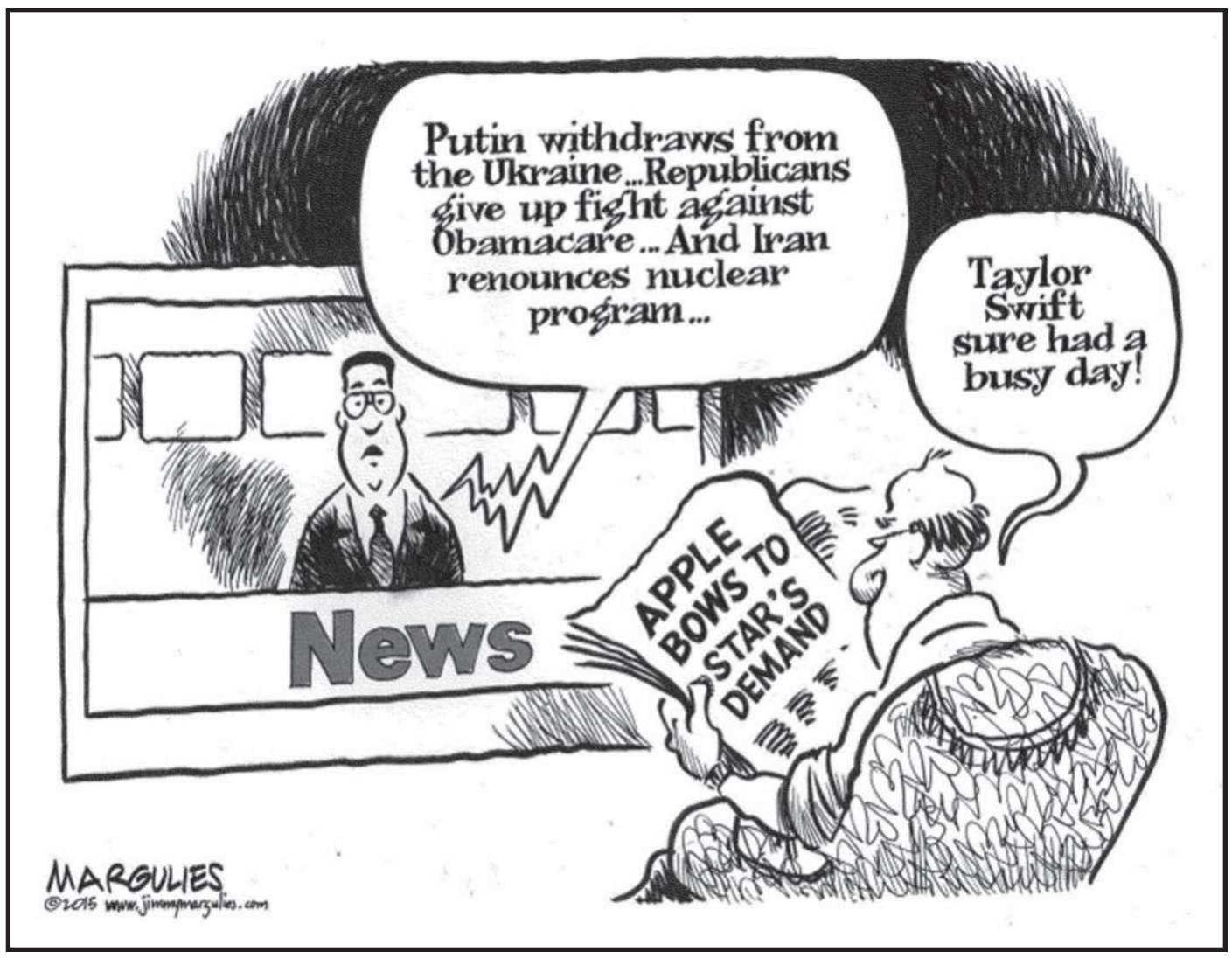
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# Mr. President, on behalf of an ungrateful nation, thank you

**By DICK MEYER**
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**WASHINGTON**—I've never written a column like this. Readers rarely believe it, but I am not on any political team. Generosity toward the high and mighty isn't among my few virtues. But this needs to be said: Americans are lucky to have Barack Obama as president and we should wake up and appreciate it while we can.

President Obama will go down in history as an extraordinary president, probably a great one. He will have done this in an era that doesn't aggrandize leaders and presidents, but shrinks them. All presidents have had profound opposition, vicious enemies and colossal failures. A few were beloved and others deeply respected in their day, but none in the modern era and certainly not Obama.

Why? Marcus Aurelius said, "Man is puny in the face of destiny." If the stoic king were writing about modern, democratic sovereigns, he might say, "Kings are puny in a world blind to destiny, a world seen through the sacred screens of televisions and computers that can view only the puny."

Many presidents fared better in history than in office. But it would be a morale booster and a sign of civic maturity if more Americans appreciated what an exceptional president they have right now. It could be a long wait for the next one.

One can hate Democrats, disagree with Obama on big issues, dislike his style or be disappointed the excitement of his election didn't last. But his accomplishments, ambitious goals, dignity and honesty under tough circumstances demand admiration and appreciation.

This is, of course, perverse liberal-media propaganda to conservative Obama-haters. It's wobbly centrism to a left-flank frustrated Obama hasn't done more for them. And it's naive hot air to Washington's political clans that think Obama doesn't play the game well.

Changing minds with a keypad is a fool's errand; I'm surely a fool, but not on that count. I simply offer some points for the open-minded to ponder:

■ **The Iran deal:** Time will reveal if the deal worked, not today's talking/tweeting heads. What cannot be in dispute is this was a momentous initiative, a gutsy political risk, a diplomatic success and, potentially, a giant step in defusing a long-ticking time bomb.

■ **Obamacare:** In the midst of the worst economy since the Great Depression, Obama delivered one of the most important domestic programs since the New Deal. Only LBJ's Great Society laws compare. Obamacare has survived two challenges in the Supreme Court and constant, kabuki-style congressional votes to repeal. It's now off life support. Key goals are being met. It will evolve and improve. One day it will be taken for granted and people will say, "Keep the government out of my Obamacare."

■ **The financial meltdown:** Obama inherited it, then managed the recovery to the degree possible in the global economy. The recovery has been steady, though slow. The worst-case predictions didn't happen. He began to reverse the deregulation of the financial industry. He delivered a significant Asian trade deal. Yet few give Obama much credit.

■ **The First:** Becoming the first black president is itself an epic triumph. Obama doesn't get much good will for that any more. We properly canonize Rosa Parks, Jackie Robinson and Martin Luther King. Of Obama, we ask, "What have you done for me lately?" That's fair, he's president. He doesn't ask for credit for being the first black one. He and his family are at risk every day and we take their courage for granted.

■ **Dignity and honesty:** Obama's administration has been as free of corruption and, well, peccadillo as any in memory. It's the first two-term presidency not to be derailed by scandal since Eisenhower. A few will stay in paranoid lather about Benghazi or Fast and Furious, but those pseudo-scandals don't compare to Watergate, Iran-Contra, Bill Clinton's carnal antics or the phony evidence used to justify attacking Iraq.

Obama has weathered a recession, invisible racism, a reckless Republican Congress, a lily-livered Democratic Party, attacks from the richest pressure groups ever (Super PACs) and a 24/7, ADHD press corps under existential pressure to deliver page views and Nielsen ratings. He has done it with the "No Drama Obama" style that befits the office.

Obama isn't a performer like Reagan or a preacher like Clinton. He's head over heart, cool over warm. Yet he did his pastoral duties after Sandy Hook, the Boston Marathon and Charleston. He wasn't a catalyst for same-sex marriage, but nourished the culture that made it possible.

It is harder than ever to see the big canvas and thus find fresh perspectives. We view current events as puny rivers of Tweets, not grand chapters in the ultimate story—history.

In that longer view, we should feel well served. So, Mr. President, on behalf of an ungrateful nation, thank you.

# Reversion of public land

We would soon be dealing with the return of indigenous public land from investors (lessees) whose agreements would be expiring in about three years.

The issue could very well turn difficult for purposes of discussion and resolution. There's the common belief in lessee's renewal rights versus its nullification under Article 11, 5C. In brief, current lessees aren't at liberty to seek "renewal" but a "new" agreement altogether.

Without polite fancy, we must resolve the creeping potential investment disaster. Would this be approached from the standpoint of who submits the highest bid or doesn't this require a kid's glove, proceeding with caution protecting the investment future of the NMI with current lessees and others? Isn't it time we come to terms with bankruptcy plastered all over the NMI?

Interesting the rationale behind exclusion of renewal rights or first rights of refusal by the author(s) of this provision. What did you have in mind when you penned down such highly shortsighted provision? Perhaps it isn't so shortsighted but then we need rational explanation from you. Let's see how well you used reasoning on this issue to determine the consequence of ill-considered provision.

Isn't the issue about enabling the NMI the ability to lure "lasting investments" into the islands? Is the exclusion of renewal rights the infinitesimal wisdom you had in your perception of the essence of building lasting relationship with investment partners? Isn't investment stability the most vital foundational aspect of spurring economic growth in the NMI? Again, we ask the framers to justify the history of their so-called vision on this score.

This incoherence spurs policy instability that has become the bane of investors here since 1978. It merits resetting our true north if we wish to work with investors of substance based on real partnership.

## Is paradise lost forever?

Hope is a word pillaged to death by leadership of recent past. The promise of brighter days slowly faded into the sunset. People yearn even for a faint sense of hope that a new break of dawn would bring good tidings of sort. It disappeared almost simultaneously with the setting sun.

I've stood besides these guys, confident they could deliver the work of state to improve the wellbeing of our people throughout the villages. There would be wealth and jobs creation so families could work, earn, and bring home the bacon with a sense of pride, so to speak.

But more than 3,000 relocated elsewhere in search of greener pasture since six years ago. They knew intuitively that opportunities are shut and home is no longer the place to raise their children with some semblance of common decency.

Corruption has crept in and stayed around like permanent living room furniture. I took each governor's name and dissected it to the hilt in terms of leadership skills, performance rating, e.g., success or failure or all or none of the above.

Definitely, they came into office hailing from populist contest in wildebeest fashion. Each avoided making hard decisions including the need for an economic blueprint to address the mounting deficit of the NMI or vicious economic depression. If you disagree, take another step back and look at our fiscal posture today.

Our government is a mess and don't worry, you're as much a part of this problem for participating in their election. If you wish to feel safe, just explain that the mess is part and whole of the fallacies of a democracy. In this way, we both could head home and sleep well tonight. Political maturity is definitely a protracted work in progress, if at all. Seesuzzz!

**By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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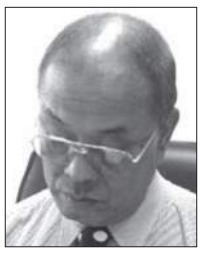

## A bad nightmare!

The recent political fiasco sent me soul-searching revisiting the terms integrity and morality. Both are abstracts requiring commitment to diligence and perseverance. But I needed a refresher on their definition in order to analyze and secure clarity what must have gone wrong. Are elected officials wary of the principle of integrity that requires staying principled?

Integrity means "loyalty not to a whim or delusion, but to one's knowledge, to the conclusions one can prove logically. It's a mind that seeks knowledge, accepts and follows reason. Emotion is never used at this level.

Would you trash the principle of morality that permits you to make a distinction between right and wrong? You may say it's illusory or impossible to achieve and stay the course of morality. It would seem convenient to ignore it in favor of demagoguery and newfound toy in corruption.

In doing so you begin ceaselessly sliding into corrupt activities and each trip to the mound becomes even easier. You ignore your commitment to truth in favor of greed. At day's end, you would have sowed the seed you planted all on your own!

# In 'don't bully' society, etiquette trumps authenticity

"Who am I to judge?"

I've heard that a lot lately, from my recent lunch companion who didn't even blink at the waiter with the pierced nipple (yes, we could see it through his uniform) all the way up to Pope Francis, who makes it a point of speaking off the cuff on airplanes, balconies and from the other end of a telephone.

In between those two extremes are the rank and file Americans who think that tolerance means not expressing an opinion about moral standards, or lack thereof.

In this "don't bully" society, etiquette trumps authenticity.

But when I really thought about it, with the image of Iron Nipple still fresh in my brain, I came to the conclusion that we not only have the right to judge. We have an obligation to do it.

If we don't, it means that we're just feigning acceptance for everything that passes through our lives, thereby removing any sense of good or bad from the human equation.

Even worse, it could signify that we really do accept everything, which is another way of saying that we stand for nothing.

But, you will say, scrambling up on that high horse of patronizing progressivism, "What would Jesus (or Buddha or Mohammed) do?" Note that I don't include Jehovah in the mix, because after that locusts, pillar of salt and Angel of Death business, I think we're all pretty clear about where he'd stand on the judgment angle.

As anyone who has ever read a few of my columns must have figured out by now, live and let live simply doesn't work for me, which I suppose makes Christine a bad Christian. In fact, I've always felt more drawn to the Old Testament than to its sequel, because I think judging makes a lot of sense and who needs that extra eye anyway?

But that doesn't work in this uber-evolved society where, apparently, we're not even supposed to criticize Planned Parenthood for donating the "by-product" of abortions—dead babies—to medical research facilities with names like "The Mengele Institute" (OK, maybe I made the name up. But a "medical facility" by any other name would smell as foul.)

In order to be considered intelligent and credible, we're supposed to consider all lifestyles and choices to be equally valid, to the point that we begin to wonder why we believe what we believe, and do what we do. After all, since "Jesus would do whatever feels good," who are we to make another person feel unwanted or offended by our value set, right?

Who are we, after all, to judge?

Which brings me to something that happened at my alma mater last month. On June 22, Waldron Mercy Academy, a Catholic elementary school in Philadelphia, declined to renew the contract of its religious studies director, Margie Winters. By all accounts, Winters was a good teacher, although the hagiographic terms in which she's been described are a bit over the top. Even if Moses came down from Mt. Sinai with an original copy of the tablets and announced "I'm your substitute for theology this week," it's hard to imagine anyone getting really excited about a religion instructor.

Unless, of course, she's a married lesbian, teaching religion at a private Catholic school.

In that case, she is a superstar. Actually a saint. Make that a martyr when her contract is not renewed.

It is a rather convoluted chronology, but it appears that Winters was approached by a parent who wanted her to include the "Theology of the Body" in her class. That course of study is based on a series of lectures by Pope John Paul II in which he talks about the complementarity of the male and female bodies, and the sanctity of marriage between one man and one woman. It's not surprising that someone engaged in a one woman/one woman dynamic wouldn't exactly be thrilled. So she said no.

The parent, in turn, notified some higher-ups, and it all ended up on the evening news.

I know, this is exactly the type of earth shattering event that warrants full-on coverage in the media. "Catholic school touts Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve as appropriate role models!"

Stop the presses. And stay tuned for the Diane Sawyer interview.

Because really, that horrible group of religious zealots needs to be exposed. Who are they to judge?

I'll tell you who they, and we, are. We are graduates of a school that is run by the single greatest order of nuns in the world, sisters who spread their compassion and courage throughout the hemispheres.

**By CHRISTINE M. FLOWERS**
Philadelphia Daily News

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We are Catholics who have chosen to mix our academic training with our spiritual formation in one seamless process.

We might disagree on the legalization of same sex unions, but will circle the sectarian wagons to protect this church's ability to stand stalwart behind traditional unions.

We were troubled by Justice Anthony Kennedy's very anemic and half-hearted statements protecting religious liberty and conscience in the Obergefell decision, something lawyers call irrelevant dicta.

We don't appreciate non-Catholics, lapsed Catholics, disgruntled Catholics and uninformed Catholics telling us we need to get with the program and be force-fed their secular vision of tolerance when that conflicts directly with fundamental church doctrine.

We think that agitprop prayer vigils should be saved for cases of real persecution, like Christians being murdered in Nigeria and jailed in Iran.

We see the writing in the wall, threatening words that could have come from a Godfather screenplay, telling us we'll lose our tax credits if we don't render all unto Caesar.

We know that the law protects our right to hire and fire those who advance religious objectives under the "ministerial exception" to anti-discrimination policies.

We are not going to back down because some parents and pundits try to make us ashamed of our faith.

We vote.

That's who we are. That's who I am.

Feel free to judge us all you want.

# Iran deal shifts US relationship to the world

**By MOUSTAFA BAYOUMI**
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

The Iran nuclear agreement is a win above all for global diplomacy.

Perhaps the most significant fact of the deal is not up for debate. This will be the first time that a country facing Chapter 7 sanctions of the U.N. Security Council (the strictest sanctions around) has had them lifted through negotiations.

What the accord shows us is the possibility and necessity of diplomacy in the Middle East. For far too long, and especially since the 2003 invasion of Iraq, U.S. foreign policy has been premised more on this country's military might than on internationally coordinated diplomatic initiatives. And as our diplomacy has diminished over the years, militarism has sowed more chaos into an already volatile and complex region.

In other words, the significance of the Iran deal is more than its own accord. What it illustrates is that when multiple countries unite and undertake a concerted and imaginative effort on seemingly intractable issues, real solutions can be found.

We should seize this momentum and be thinking about the next priorities for peaceful resolution in the region.

Most immediately, the global community has abysmally failed in bringing Syria's bloody civil war to an end. Renewed international efforts on that horrific conflict, now with most likely greater Iranian cooperation, must take place.

We should also aim to create a nuclear weapons-free zone for the entire Middle East and find a just and lasting solution for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Only diplomacy—real diplomacy involving the kind of difficult work exhibited by the Iran deal—has a chance of success in these situations. This will require exerting pressure not only on our foes but also on our friends.

The Iran agreement shows us that peacefully forging a common destiny among nations strengthens America's place within the world. Diplomacy's dividend is worth much more than domination through war.

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# SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES

## CATHOLIC

**Mt. Carmel Cathedral**
Sunday Mass: 6am Chamorro, 9am English, 11am Filipino and 6pm English
Monday-Saturday: 6am Chamorro
Wednesday: 6pm Chamorro
Parish office hours:
Monday-Saturday
8am-12pm, 12-1pm, 1-5pm

**Korean Center**
Sunday: 10:30am
Wednesday: 10am
Thursday-Friday: 8pm
Saturday: 3pm and 7:30pm

**Kristo Rai Parish**
Sunday- Saturday: 6am
Wednesday: 6am and 6pm (PH Novena 5:45pm)
Friday: 5:30pm praying of Divine Mercy Chaplet; 6pm devotional mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
Saturday: 6am and 6pm (anticipated)
Sunday Mass: 6am, 8am and 9:30am 6pm Tagalog mass
Parish office hours: (Fr. Celso G. Magbanua) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8-11:30am/ 3-5:30pm, Wednesday and Friday 3-5pm.
Telephone no. 285-0273

**Santa Soledad Mission Parish**
Monday: 6pm
Tuesday: 6pm
Wednesday: 6pm
Friday: 6pm
Saturday: 6pm (Youth mass/ anticipated Sunday mass)
Sunday: 7am and 9am (Children's mass)
Parish office hours: Wednesday and Friday: 8-10am,
Saturday: 4-6pm
Telephone no. 256-4568

**Saint Jude Parish**
Monday- Friday: 6pm
Saturday: 7am
Sunday: 6am, 8am, 10am
Parish office hours: Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30am, 3:30-5pm
Office is close every Thursday and Saturday
Telephone no. 288-0007

**San Antonio Parish**
Monday-Friday 6pm
Saturday: 6pm
Sunday: 7am, 9am (Blessing of children)
Parish office hours: Tuesday-Saturday: 8-11:30am, 2-4:45pm
Close on Sunday and Monday

**San Francisco de Borja-Rota**
Sunday: 6am Chamorro, 8am English
Monday and Tuesday:6am Chamorro
Wednesday:6pm English
Thursday: 6am Chamorro
Friday: 6am English
Saturday: 6am Chamorro, 6pm Tagalog
Sunday: anticipated mass

**San Isidro-Rota**
Sunday: 5am, 8am, 10am
Monday-Friday: 7pm
Saturday: 5am and 7pm

**San Jose (Oleai) Parish**
Monday- Saturday: 6am daily mass
Monday- Sunday: 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Wednesday: 6pm, mass, exposition of the blessed sacrament
Saturday: 6pm, anticipated Sunday mass
Sunday: 7:30-9am English, 6pm Tagalog mass
Office hours: Monday-Wednesday: 9am-12pm, 2-5pm
Thursday: day off
Friday- Saturday: 8am-12pm, 2-5pm
Telephone no. 234-6991

**San Roque Parish**
Sunday: 7:30am Chamorro, 9am English
Monday: 6pm English
Tuesday: 6pm English
Wednesday: 6pm English- novena mass to our Lady of San Roque oil
Thursday: 6pm English
Friday: 6pm English- Devotion to the sacred heart of Jesus (First Fridays)
Saturday: 6am English- Our Lady's Saturday mass for the intentions of the Men and Women in military service, 6pm English-anticipated mass
Parish office hours: daily except Thursday and Sundays: 4:30-6pm
Telephone no. 322-2404, Fr. Bong's cell: 285-912, Diocesan Finance office: 234-3000 ext.143

**San Vicente Parish**
Monday-Friday: 6pm,
Saturday: 6pm (First Saturday of every month)
Sunday: 6am anticipated mass, 6pm (Neo Catechumenal community mass), 8pm
Sunday: 6am, 9am, 6pm
Parish office hours: daily 9-11am
Telephone no. 235-8208 or 287-0131

**Santa Remedios**
Sunday: 8am
Monday: 6pm (1st Mondays cemetery masses at 5:30pm)
Tuesday- Friday: 6pm
Saturday: 6pm-anticipated Sunday mass 8-10pm
Parish office hours: Monday- Friday: 8:30am-12pm

## PROTESTANT

**Amen Church**
Sunday : 10am, 1pm, 5pm Wednesday : 7pm Friday Prayer : 9pm Bible Study : 4pm (Tue) Music Practice : 5pm (Sat) Korean class: 3:30pm (Thu) Visitation : 10am(Fri, Sat) Outreach : 8am (First Sat) Tel. No. 285-2121, 256-2221 Email : oseyo@daum.net

**Born Again Christian**
(Upper Room Int'l Ministries), Saipan
Wednesday Prayer and Healing Night: 8-10:30pm
Saturday Tagalog Service: 8-10:30pm
Sunday English Service: 9:30-11am
Sunday School for Children: 10-11am
Sunday Filipino Service: 7-9pm

**Calvary Baptist Church, Saipan**
Sunday School: 9am
Sunday Morning Worship: 10am
Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7pm
Telephone no. 234-6026/27

**Chinese Christian Church of Saipan**
Worship Services:
Sunday: Chinese and Filipino 9am, English 6pm
Bible Study: Wednesday and Saturday 8pm
Telephone no. 235-8540

**Church 360**
Suite 103 of Marianas Business Plaza (1st floor of former Nauru Building).
Contact www.church360saipan.org, info@church360saipan.org, or call 888-2116
Celebration Service: Sunday at 10:15am
Prayer Fellowship: Wednesday at 6:00pm

**Cornerstone Christian Church, Saipan**
Morning Service, Sunday, 10:00 am
Evening Service, Sunday, 6:00 pm
Children Sunday School, 10:00am/ 6:00 pm
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7-9 pm
Youth Night of Worship, Friday, 6:30 pm
As Perdido Road
Chalan Piao, Saipan MP 96950
Tel. No. (670) 235-8590
Email: cornerstone@cfemcares.org

**Episcopal/Anglican Church on Saipan**
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Worship Service Sunday: Holy Communion 10:00am
Place: Garapan, Plumeria Road,
Call 285-6081 for directions

**Grace Christian Assembly, Saipan**
Sunday Worship Service: 9-11am
Sunday school/ Children's church 9am (nursery available during Sunday service)
GBI Classes: 4-6pm
Prayer Meeting: 6am Tuesday GCA Kagman, Wednesday Navy Hill, Thursday San Antonio
Home Cell Bible Study: 7pm (Through out the week)
Telephone no. 322-5680

**Iglesia Ni Cristo, Saipan**
Wednesday: 7:45pm (English)
Thursday: 5:30am (English); 7:45 pm (Tagalog)
Saturday: 7:45pm (Tagalog)
Sunday: 6:45am (English)
Children Worship Service: Sunday, 9am (English)

**Immanuel United Methodist Church**
Chalan Kanoa Drive, Chalan Kanoa (east of Town Center and Beach Road, Near Mt. Carmel Cathedral)
Worship Service: 9:00am
Children's Sunday School: 9:00am
Choir Practice: 8:00am
Singspiration: 8:30am
Prayer, Care & Share: Wednesday 7:00pm

**Immanuel Methodist Church**
(Filipino Congregation)
Sunday: 7:00am-Choir Rehearsal
8:00am-Church Service (Tagalog)
9:15am-Sunday School
Wednesday: 6:30pm, home group
8:00pm-Prayer Meeting
Thursday: 7:30pm-Choir Practice (Church)
Saturday: 8:00pm-Choir Practice (Parsonage)
(Korean Congregation)
Sunday worship: 9am, 10:30, 1pm
Wednesday evening service: 8pm
Daily morning prayer: 5am

**Jesus is Lord Church, Saipan**
Sunday English Service: 7:30-9am,
Sunday Tagalog Service: 9-11am and 6-8pm,
Wednesday: 7:30-9pm

**Korean Presbyterian Church, Saipan**
Sunday School: 9:20am
Sunday Adult: 11am
Sunday Evening: 7:30pm
Wednesday: 8pm

**Life in the Son Christian Fellowship, Saipan**
Sunday Worship Service: 10am–12noon
Tuesday: Leadership Institute 7pm-10pm
Wednesday: Corporate prayer 7pm-8pm
Last Friday of the month-prayer: 7pm-11pm
Friday: Youth on Fire: 7pm-9pm
Tel. No. 235-LIFE (5433)

**Living Hope Church of the Nazarene**
Isa Drive, I-Denni Hill across from Ponderosa Heights
Bible Studies for all ages: Sunday at 10:00 am
Worship: Sunday at 11:00 am
Pastor Dave Bucher, 256-1142

**Marianas Baptist Church, Saipan**
English Worship Service: 9-10:30am
Evening Worship Service: 6-7pm
Children Sunday School: 9-10:30am
Tagalog Sunday School: 11am-12pm
English Sunday School: 11am-12pm
Korean Worship Service: 11am-12pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting:
English, 7pm-8pm
Korean: 8:30pm-9:30pm

**Missions Connection Ministry**
Every Sunday Celebrations:
10am (English), 6pm (Tagalog)
Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm
Youth Impact Friday: 7pm
Saturday Prayer Meeting: 7pm

**Northern Marianas Christian Church**
Sunday Worship Service: 10 am at Seventh Day Adventist church on Quartermaster Rd.
Wednesday Service: 7 pm at Fina Sisu Housing FS#1
Contact Nick for more info: 287-1661

**Marianas Bible Fellowship Center**
Sunday School: 9-9:30am
Divine Worship: 9:30-11am
Evening Service: 7pm-8:30pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8pm-9pm

**Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ (4th Watch)**
Sunday worship 8:30am
Sunday evening 7:00pm
Prayer meeting, every Wednesday 7:30pm
San Jose village, after San Jose Hotel
Telephone: 789-7566

**Saipan Christian Church**
Sunday: 7:30am-10am
Sunday: 6:30 pm -9pm
Monday: 8 pm -10pm (Prayer Meeting)
Thursday: 8pm-10pm (Cell Groups)

**Saipan Church of Christ**
Sunday Bible Class: 9am
Sunday Worship: 10am
Sunday Worship English: 10-11am
Sunday Worship Tagalog: 6-7pm
Thursday Bible Study: 7pm

# FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 12, 2015

## DEPARTURES

### SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5070 | 4:15am | 5:05am | Daily |
| UA5068 | 8:00am | 8:50am | 3 |
| UA5068 | 8:40am | 9:30am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| UA5039 | 2:20pm | 4:00pm | 6, 7 via Rota |
| UA5078 | 3:10pm | 4:00pm | 1, 5 |
| UA5038 | 3:10pm | 4:00pm | 2, 4 |
| UA5040 | 6:55pm | 7:45pm | 1, 5 |
| UA5078 | 8:35pm | 9:25pm | 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| UA5044 | 10:40pm | 11:30pm | 1, 5 |

### SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5039 | 2:20pm | 2:55pm | 6, 7 |

### ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5039 | 3:25pm | 4:00pm | 6, 7 |

### SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL287 | 6:05am | 1:05am+1 | 2, 6 via NRT |

### SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL287 | 6:05am | 8:40am | 1, 4, 5, 6 |
| DL297 | 4:30pm | 7:15pm | Daily |

### SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ626 | 2:20am | 6:00am | 1 |
| OZ6063 | 2:25am | 6:00am | 3, 4, 6 |
| OZ626 | 3:20am | 7:00am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| 7C3403 | 4:35am | 8:20am | 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 |
| 7C3403 | 5:25am | 9:10am | 4, 5 |
| 7C3401 | 3:15pm | 7:35pm | 3, 5, 6 |
| 7C3401 | 4:20pm | 8:05pm | 1, 2, 4, 7 |

### SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ608 | 3:10am | 6:20am | 4, 7 |

### SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8648 | 6:10am | 8:40am | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

### SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| MU764 | 1:30am | 5:30am | 1, 3, 5, 7 |

### SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8646 | 4:20am | 7:30am | 2, 6 |

### SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ626/701 | 2:20am | 11:05am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ6063/701 | 2:25am | 11:05am | 3, 4, 6 via ICN |
| OZ626/701 | 3:20am | 11:05am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UA5070/191 | 4:15am | 8:55am | 2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA5070/PR111 | 4:15am | 9:20am | Daily via GUM |
| UA5070/183 | 4:15am | 8:50pm | 2, 5 via GUM |
| UA5070/183 | 4:15am | 9:10pm | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| DL287/275 | 6:05am | 9:40pm | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT |
| UA5068/183 | 8:00am | 9:10pm | 3 via GUM |
| UA5068/183 | 8:40am | 8:50pm | 2, 5 via GUM |
| UA5068/183 | 8:40am | 9:10pm | 1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA5039/183 | 2:20pm | 9:10pm | 6, 7 via Rota-GUM |
| UA5038/183 | 3:10pm | 8:50pm | 2 via GUM |
| UA5078/183 | 3:10pm | 8:50pm | 5 via GUM |
| UA5078/183 | 3:10pm | 9:10pm | 1 via GUM |
| UA5038/183 | 3:10pm | 9:10pm | 4 via GUM |

### SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ626 | 2:20am | 6:00am | 1 |
| OZ6063 | 2:25am | 6:00am | 3, 4, 6 |
| OZ626 | 3:20am | 7:00am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| OZ626/721 | 2:20am | 11:50am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ6063/721 | 2:25am | 11:50am | 3, 4, 6 via ICN |
| OZ626/721 | 3:20am | 11:50am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UA5070/179 | 4:15am | 9:55pm | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |
| UA5068/179 | 8:00am | 9:55pm | 3 via GUM |
| UA5068/179 | 8:40am | 9:55pm | 1, 5, 6 via GUM |
| UA5039/179 | 2:20pm | 9:55pm | 6 via Rota-GUM |
| UA5078/179 | 3:10pm | 9:55pm | 1, 5 via GUM |

## ARRIVALS

### GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5069 | 2:45am | 3:35am | Daily |
| UA5071 | 6:40am | 7:30am | 3 |
| UA5071 | 7:15am | 8:05am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| UA5039 | 1:00pm | 1:50pm | 6, 7 |
| UA5038 | 1:00pm | 2:35pm | 2, 4 via Rota |
| UA5077 | 1:50pm | 2:40pm | 1, 5 |
| UA5041 | 5:35pm | 6:25pm | 1, 5 |
| UA5077 | 7:15pm | 8:05pm | 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| UA5043 | 9:20pm | 10:10pm | 1, 5 |

### GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5038 | 1:00pm | 1:35pm | 2, 4 |

### ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5038 | 2:05pm | 2:40pm | 2, 4 |

### PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL298 | 4:30am | 2:55pm | 3, 7 via NRT |

### NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL298 | 10:25am | 2:55pm | Daily |
| DL288 | 8:55pm | 1:25am+1 | 3, 4, 5, 7 |

### SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7C3402 | 8:45am | 2:15pm | 3, 5, 6 |
| 7C3402 | 9:30am | 3:20pm | 1, 2, 4, 7 |
| OZ625 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| OZ6053 | 7:55pm | 1:25am+1 | 2, 3, 5, 6 |
| OZ625 | 8:20pm | 1:50am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |
| 7C3404 | 10:10pm | 3:40am+1 | Daily |

### BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ607 | 9:05pm | 1:55am+1 | 3, 6 |

### SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8647 | 10:40pm | 5:00am+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 |

### BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| MU763 | 4:30pm | 12:30am+1 | 2, 4, 6, 7 |

### GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8645 | 7:40pm | 3:00am+1 | 1, 5 |

### MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL276/288 | 9:30am | 1:25am+1 | 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT |
| UA190/5077 | 9:55am | 8:05pm | 2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM |
| OZ702/625 | 12:15pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ702/6053 | 12:15pm | 1:25am+1 | 2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN |
| OZ702/625 | 12:15pm | 1:50am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| PR110/UA5071 | 10:05pm | 7:30am+1 | 3 via GUM |
| PR110/UA5071 | 10:05pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA184/5071 | 10:25pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA184/5039 | 10:25pm | 1:50pm+1 | 6 via GUM |
| UA184/5038 | 10:25pm | 2:40pm+1 | 1, 3 via GUM-Rota |
| UA184/5077 | 10:25pm | 2:40pm+1 | 4, 7 via GUM |
| UA184/5041 | 10:25pm | 6:25pm+1 | 4, 7 via GUM |
| UA184/5077 | 10:25pm | 8:05pm+1 | 1, 3, 6 via GUM |
| UA184/5043 | 10:25pm | 10:10pm+1 | 4, 7 via GUM |
| UA184/5071 | 11:30pm | 7:30am+1 | 2 via GUM |
| UA184/5071 | 11:30pm | 8:05am+1 | 5 via GUM |
| UA184/5071 | 11:30pm | 1:50pm+1 | 5 via GUM |
| UA184/5077 | 11:30pm | 8:05pm+1 | 2, 5 via GUM |

### HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ722/625 | 1:10pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ722/6053 | 1:10pm | 1:25am+1 | 2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN |
| OZ722/625 | 1:10pm | 1:50am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| UA180/5071 | 9:55pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |
| UA180/5039 | 9:55pm | 1:50pm+1 | 5, 6 via GUM |
| UA180/5077 | 9:55pm | 2:35pm+1 | 1, 3 via GUM-Rota |
| UA180/5077 | 9:55pm | 8:05pm+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

## STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

### TINIAN TO SAIPAN

| DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|
| 7:00AM | 7:15AM | Mon, Tue,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat |
| 7:30AM | 7:45AM | Daily |
| 8:30AM | 8:45AM | Daily |
| 9:30AM | 9:45AM | Daily |
| 10:30AM | 10:45AM | Daily |
| 11:30AM | 11:45AM | Daily |
| 12:30NN | 12:45NN | Daily |
| 1:30PM | 1:45PM | Daily |
| 2:30PM | 2:45PM | Daily |
| 3:30PM | 3:45PM | Daily |
| 4:30PM | 4:45PM | Daily |
| 5:30PM | 5:45PM | Daily |
| 6:30PM | 6:45PM | Daily |

### SAIPAN TO TINIAN

| DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|
| 7:00AM | 7:15AM | Daily |
| 8:00AM | 8:15AM | Daily |
| 9:00AM | 9:15AM | Daily |
| 10:00AM | 10:15AM | Daily |
| 11:00AM | 11:15AM | Daily |
| 12:00NN | 12:15NN | Daily |
| 1:00PM | 1:15PM | Daily |
| 2:00PM | 2:15PM | Daily |
| 3:00PM | 3:15PM | Daily |
| 4:00PM | 4:15PM | Daily |
| 5:00PM | 5:15PM | Daily |
| 6:00PM | 6:15PM | Daily |

### SAIPAN TO ROTA

| DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|
| 7:45AM | 8:15AM | Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat |
| 4:00PM | 4:30PM | Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat |

### ROTA TO SAIPAN

| DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|
| 8:30AM | 9:00AM | Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat |
| 4:45PM | 5:15PM | Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat |

# House OKs $149.5M budget bill

By JOEL PINAROC
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REPORTER

The House of Representatives adopted Friday a budget act that now heads to the Senate for similar approval.

In a House session on Capital Hill, 18 lawmakers voted "yes" in favor of the draft budget, while two, Reps. Edmund Villagomez (Ind-Saipan) and Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan), voted "no." Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan) was absent.

Yumul, a member of the minority bloc, tried to insert two amendments to the bill but they were thumbed down. One of his proposed amendments is to not give the government the authority to "reprogram" 50 percent of the budget.

Save for minor amendments, the "Appropriations and Budget Authority Act of 2016," which the House Committee on Ways and Means adopted on July 2, will now head to the Senate.

The proposed act details a $149.5-million spending plan for fiscal year 2016, which is slightly higher than the government's earlier proposal of $145.8 million.

Rep. Antonio P. Sablan (Ind-Saipan) introduced the bill.

The House held the budget deliberations Thursday, but opted to continue discussions the next day in the interest of time.

The deliberations were fairly uneventful. One of the concerns raised were salary increases, particularly for the Executive Branch.

During the deliberations, committee members looked at the personnel requirements of the various departments, as well as possible sources of budget allocations on the balance sheets.

House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) said he was glad the budget bill can now move to the Senate.

It widely expected that the Senate will have its own amendments and that it is likely the proposed budget will go back to the House of Representatives for further review. The new fiscal year starts on Oct. 1, 2015.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

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| THREE BELL SYSTEM CO., LTD., Plaintiff, vs. CHIKARA KUBOTA, Defendant. | ) CIVIL CASE ) NO. 15-0124C ) ) NOTICE OF ) ORDER TO ) APPEAR ) OR PLEAD ) ) 7 CMC § ) 1301, 1302 |

Based on an Ex Parte Motion for an Order to Appear or Plead pursuant to 7 CMC § 1301, by Plaintiff, THREE BELL SYSTEM CO., LTD., by and through its counsel, Timothy H. Bellas, Notice is hereby given to Defendant, CHIKARA KUBOTA, that if you wish to defend against this action which has been filed against you, you must appear or plead, within twenty-one (21) days from the date that this Notice last appears in this newspaper. Your failure to appear or plead within this time period will result in the entry of Judgment for the Plaintiff, granting the relief demanded by the Plaintiff in its Complaint.

BY: Patrick V. Diaz
Deputy Clerk of Court

## JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
## YANO Enterprises, Inc.

**Assistant Manager (1):** Be able to assist the general manager in the supervision of business establishment to ensure the restaurant & stores efficiency & profitable operations; work closely with the personnel in preparation & processing of reservations, greets & answers customers inquiry, patrons complaints & resolve problems. Prepare advertising campaigns of the restaurant & stores to attract customers. Assist in doing daily inventory of foods, merchandise and assets of the business. Duties include but are not limited to delegating authority & assigning responsibilities, reviewing financial transactions & monitoring budget limitations, & be able to present written & oral reports on the company's financial & operational status. Must have Japanese oral skills & knowledge of Japanese food products.

**Restaurant Supervisor (1):** Must be qualified in restaurant operations, customer service, menu planning, & reservation operations. Must be responsible for the supervision of staff as to dining areas cleanliness in appearance & outside grounds. Ensure any customers issues are addressed immediately and resolved in a manner which exceeds the customer's expectation. Also need to have basic Japanese oral skills. Must have an extensive knowledge of Japanese food products & be able to make orders & preparations.

**Accountant (2):** Must be efficient in handling financial records, statements, & reports. Have knowledge on all Taxes computation & filing. Must be able to budget & estimate purchasing costs & requisitions of merchandise necessary in the company.

**Restaurant Waitress (5):** Greeting Customers. Must be able to speak basic Japanese & efficient English & have a friendly & outgoing personality. Should be knowledgeable of the restaurant dishes, familiar with the entire menu the establishment offers. Can introduce & recommend daily specials as well as the restaurant's regular menu items. Continued services after the meal have been served and accept payments & other duties related.

**Cook (4):** Must be experienced & skilled in preparing Japanese cuisine including but not limited to sushi, sashimi, & tempura. Can prepare all menu items according to quantity menus, must know cutting and preparation techniques for each type of fish used in sushi rolls as well as how to prepare rice, sauces and seasonal ingredients, must ensure that ingredients are fresh, colorful and always in stock, that the all-important knives are sharp and clean, and that all equipment is in working order. Must be able to maintain kitchen & observe safety & sanitary food handling practices as well as other related duties.

**General Maintenance (3):** Must have a valid CNMI driver's license and flexible in work hours. Duties may involve skills in electrical, plumbing, carpentry, masonry, painting, landscape or maintain grounds of property using hand or power tools or equipment. Can typically perform variety of task such as sod laying, mowing, trimming, planting, watering, fertilizing, digging, raking and installing , repairing buildings, floors or stairs.

**Additional Requirements:** All applicants must be of good health and have a good moral character, must be able to follow grooming standards, must be able to obtain required food handler health certificate, must be able to provide current police clearance, with reliable transportation and must agree to drug test. Can work in flexible hours including weekends and night time.
Applicants of positions listed above except Restaurant Waitress (3 months work experience) are required to have a minimum of 2-4 years experience. Applications can be picked up at Kinpachi Restaurant in Coral Tree Avenue, Garapan.

We are an equal opportunity employer. Qualified applicants will be considered. Applications can be picked up at Kinpachi Restaurant in Coral Tree Avenue, Garapan. No phone calls please.

POI Aviation is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

Accounting Manager (1)
College degree with financial management major and 3 years of progressive financial management experience. Minimum of 3 years experience in directing the monthly closing of books, preparation of financial reports, financial forecast / budgets, doing financial analysis and implementing cash management activities. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills to manage people. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) system, Peachtree and Microsoft Office software. Airline industry experience preferred. CPA license is desirable but not required. Must be able to work under time pressure and can work flexible hours.

Accountant (1)
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting; Minimum 2 years experience in accounting; Airline industry experience preferred. Proficient with the use of SAP R3 FICO system, Peachtree and Microsoft Office software. Must be able to work under time pressure and can work flexible hours.

Senior Account Manager (1)
Bachelor's degree preferred. 5-8 years of relevant job experience in the airline ground handling service industry. Knowledge/Skill Requirement. Project supervision and management. Able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Excellent oral and written communication skills preferably in English and Korean, or Chinese languages. Must be able to work under time pressure.

Technical Operations Supervisor (1)
Diploma from technical/vocational course in automatic/diesel engines. Four (4) years experience as a GSE Mechanic. Two (2) years in leadership role within a maintenance organization. Extensive knowledge on Pneumatic and Hydraulic System maintenance. Extensive knowledge on specialized and motorized Equipment Electrical and Electronic maintenance. Must be flexible to work any shift in a 24/7 operation, including nights, weekends and holidays. Must have a valid CNMI driver's license. Reliable, punctual attendance is an essential function of the position.

Terminal Operations Supervisor (1)
Associate's degree in related field; Five (5) years equivalent work experience; Specific airline certification as load planner; Sufficient mathematical skills to perform manual weight and balance calculations. Thorough knowledge in all areas of ramp, cargo and flight operations; Knowledgeable in FAA, ICAO, IATA, TSA, local airport and airline regulations; Excellent written and oral communication skills; Conflict resolution and decision-making with the ability to lead is required. Must be flexible to work any shift in a 24/7 operation, including nights, weekends and holidays; Must have a valid CNMI driver's license; Reliable, punctual attendance is an essential function of the position.

Ground Support Equipment Mechanic (3)
Graduate of technical/vocational course on automotive and diesel engines; Minimum 2 years experience in repair and overhaul of gas and diesel engines; Skilled in local parts fabrication; Must be flexible to work any shift in a 24/7 operation, including nights, weekends and holidays; Must have a valid CNMI driver's license; Reliable, punctual attendance is an essential function of the position

Lead Customer Service Agent (Cargo) (1)
Associate's Degree in related field or comparable work experience preferred. Three (3) years equivalent work experience. Knowledge in all areas of cargo operations; Knowledgeable in FAA, ICAO, IATA, TSA, local airport and airline regulations; Conflict resolution and decision-making with the ability to lead is required; Excellent written and oral communication skills; Computer literate with good typing skills; Must be able to operate forklift and other cargo-handling equipment. Must be able to lift 70 pounds. Must be flexible to work any shift in a 24/7 operation, including nights, weekends and holidays. Must have a valid CNMI driver's license. Reliable, punctual attendance is an essential function of the position

Lead Customer Service Agent (Ramp) (3)
Associate's Degree in related field or comparable work experience preferred. Three (3) years equivalent work experience. Knowledge in all areas of ramp operations; Knowledgeable in FAA, ICAO, IATA, TSA, local airport and airline regulations; Conflict resolution and decision-making with the ability to lead is required; Excellent written and oral communication skills; Computer literate with good typing skills; Must be able to lift 70 pounds. Can operate different specialized equipment for aircraft servicing and for ramp operations. Must be flexible to work any shift in a 24/7 operation, including nights, weekends and holidays. Must have a valid CNMI driver's license. Reliable, punctual attendance is an essential function of the position

Lead Airport Service Agent (Passenger) (2)
Associate's Degree in related field or comparable work experience preferred. Three (3) years equivalent work experience. Knowledgeable in FAA, ICAO, IATA, TSA, local airport and airline regulations; Conflict resolution and decision- making with the ability to lead is required; Excellent written and oral communication skills; Must be flexible to work any shift in a 24/7 operation, including nights, weekends and holidays. Must have a valid CNMI driver's license and a reliable means of transportation; Reliable, punctual attendance is an essential function of the position

Lead Airport Service Agent (Aircraft) (1)
Associate's Degree in related field or comparable work experience preferred. Three (3) years equivalent work experience. Knowledgeable in FAA, ICAO, IATA, TSA, local airport and airline regulations; Conflict resolution and decision- making with the ability to lead is required; Excellent written and oral communication skills; Must be flexible to work any shift in a 24/7 operation, including nights, weekends and holidays. Must have a valid CNMI driver's license and a reliable means of transportation; Reliable, punctual attendance is an essential function of the position.

Airport Service Agent (Aircraft) - Part Time (6)
Must have at least 6 months related experience. Must be able to routinely move equipment and/or items up to 70 pounds and work well under time pressure. Must be able to regularly ascend/descend stairs to service airplanes. Must be able to stand, lift, bend, push and pull for extended time. Must be willing to work outside in all types of weather and elevated noise levels within the airport environment. Must be flexible to work any shift in a 24/7 operation, including nights, weekends and holidays; Must have a reliable means of transportation; Reliable, punctual attendance is an essential function of the position.

Load Planning Specialist – Part Time (1)
Associate's degree; * Minimum 2 years experience in functions such as preparing aircraft loading plans, loading and offloading aircraft, operating equipment and ensuring security of cargo in flight; Previous airline and airport operations experience preferred. Strong mathematical skills-ability to formulate and evaluate correct load balance. Strong communication skills-ability to effectively and concisely communicate with station personnel. Strong decision making skills-ability to plan, implement and manage situation. Multitasking-ability to handle multiple high-stress tasks simultaneously. Ability to work for a 24/7 airline operations; days, nights, weekends and holidays. Must have a reliable means of transportation; Reliable, punctual attendance is an essential function of the position.

Lead Aircraft Maintenance Technician (1)
Heads shift or work project, as directed by the manager, performing various repairs on aircraft airframe and power plants and other required services to ensure airworthiness. AS Degree in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering and/or Aeronautical Engineering. Preferably with two years experience on Airframe and Power Plant maintenance; Have work experience on both narrow and wide-body aircraft. Must be skilled in use of specialized aircraft testing equipment and hold current U.S. FAA and A&P License or an equivalent foreign license. Has at least 2 years leadership experience in similar field of work. Must be flexible to work any shift in a 24/7 operation, including nights, weekends and holidays. Must have a valid CNMI driver's license.

Aircraft Maintenance Technician (Full-Time (3) and Part-time (4))
Perform various repairs on aircraft airframe and power plants and other required services to aircraft to airworthy condition; AS Degree in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering and/or Aeronautical Engineering; Minimum 2 years experience on Airframe and Power Plant maintenance; Experience on narrow and wide body aircraft; Must possess either a current U.S. FAA A&P license, equivalent foreign license and experience; Must be flexible to work any shift in a 24/7 operation, including nights, weekends and holidays; Must have a valid CNMI driver's license.

Applications can be obtained at the POI Aviation Building, International Terminal LP, Saipan International Airport. Salaries will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than July 27, 2015. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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## COMMONWEALTH CASINO COMMISSION

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## JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Opening Date: July 9, 2015 Closing Date: July 20, 2015

The Commonwealth Casino Commission ("Commission") announces the following Job Vacancies for immediate recruitment:

| | POSITION | DIVISION | SALARY RANGE | ANNOUNCEMENT NO. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR | Administration | $33,000 - $38,000 | CCC-2015-A |
| 2. | EXECUTIVE SECRETARY | Administration | $25,000 - $30,000 | CCC-2015-B |
| 3. | MANAGER – Division Head | Administration | $40,000 - $45,000 | CCC-2015-C |
| 4. | ACCOUNTANT IV | Administration - Admin Services | $30,000 - $35,000 | CCC-2015-D |
| 5. | HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICER | Administration - Admin Services | $25,000 - $30,000 | CCC-2015-E |
| 6. | ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER | Administration - Admin Services | $17,000 - $22,000 | CCC-2015-F |
| 7. | INSPECTOR II (2 positions) | Administration – Permit & Licensing | $27,000 - $32,000 | CCC-2015-G |
| 8. | INSPECTOR I (2 positions) | Administration – Permit & Licensing | $25,000 - $30,000 | CCC-2015-H |
| 9. | ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (2 positions) | Administration–Permit & Licensing | $15,000 - $18,000 | CCC-2015-I |
| 10. | MANAGER – Division Head | Enforcement & Investigations | $40,000 - $45,000 | CCC-2015-J |
| 11. | INVESTIGATOR–Senior Level (2 positions) | Enforcement & Investigations | $30,000 - $35,000 | CCC-2015-K |
| 12. | ENFORCEMENT OFFICER II (3 positions) | Enforcement & Surveillance | $27,000 - $32,000 | CCC-2015-L |
| 13. | ENFORCEMENT OFFICER I (3 positions) | Enforcement & Surveillance | $23,000 - $28,000 | CCC-2015-M |
| 14. | MANAGER – Division Head | Audit & Compliance | $60,000 - $65,000 | CCC-2015-N |
| 15. | AUDITOR – Financial Audit | Audit & Compliance | $39,000 - $44,000 | CCC-2015-O |
| 16. | AUDITOR – Technology Audit | Audit & Compliance | $39,000 - $44,000 | CCC-2015-P |
| 17. | FINANCIAL ANALYST | Audit & Compliance | $37,000 - $42,000 | CCC-2015-Q |

- Salary: Actual salary level will depend on the applicant's education, experience, and other related qualifications.
- Location: Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands ("CNMI").
- Benefits: Basic CNMI government employment fringe benefits.
- Exempted Positions: These positions are exempted from the CNMI Civil Service system per P.L. 18-56.

Requirements: A. CNMI Government Application for Employment (OPM-03)
B. Resume with accompanying educational and professional credentials & documentations
C. Police Clearance (recent)
D. Copy of your Driver's License or other form of Valid Identification

Education and training claimed under items 24 (A) through (H) of the Application for Employment must be substantiated by an official school transcript, diploma, or certificate. Failure to provide the required documents will result in automatic disqualification.

The Commonwealth Casino Commission is an equal employment opportunity employer. The CCC's EEO policy is to ensure that all employment decisions are made on a non-discriminatory basis, and without regard to sex, race, color, age, national origin, religion, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, political affiliation or belief, or any other status protected by applicable national, federal, state or local law. Please be informed that prior to a job offer, you are required to undergo a pre-employment drug test pursuant to the Alcohol and Drug Free Workplace Policy, Part V.C. of the Personnel Service System Rules and Regulations. The Casino Commission may also require additional criminal background checks and investigations on some positions.

Application Forms can be picked up at the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). For information on the POSITION DESCRIPTIONS and Requirements, please contact Ms. Ruth Ann Sakisat at 233-1857 or at commonwealthcasinocommission@gmail.com. Interested persons should submit their Employment Application Forms along with supporting documents to the Commonwealth Casino Commission Office, Springs Plaza, Gualo Rai, Saipan, MP 96950.

# 70th Liberation Day Parade

2015 Liberation Day Royal Court, from left, Liberation Day Princess Mary Jane Anon, First Princess Ashley Tabilisma, Queen Zolenska Yaroitemal, and Royal Princess Stephanie Camacho. JAYSON CAMACHO

Kids waving flags of South Korea rode the float of the Korean Association of Saipan.
FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

Various produce adorn the float of Papago Lancheros. FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

Office of Aging's Man'amko King Diego Pua and Queen Minerva Maghanoy wave to the crowd during the 2015 Liberation Day parade.
JAYSON CAMACHO

The float of the Northern Islands Mayor's Office is adorned with photos of beautiful spots in the Northern Islands. FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

On top of the Tan Holdings Corp. float were people of various ethnicities and races wearing each of their national costumes in line with the theme "Peace in Diversity." FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

Miss Marianas Teen Gianna Camacho and Miss Marianas Jian Joyner dress as mermaids for the Liberation Day parade. FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

McDonald's "Happy Meal" truck with its mascot, Ronald McDonald, during the 2015 Liberation Day parade. JAYSON CAMACHO

Members of the Saipan Falun Dafa Association march while playing drums. FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

Dogs up for adoption from the Saipan Mayor's Office shelter as well as volunteers of the Saipan Cares for Animals were also part of the parade in an effort to bring the animals closer to the community.
FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

Japan Society of the Northern Mariana Islands hold up a poster to ask for the public's help in finding the missing Yamada sisters at the 2015 Liberation Day parade. JAYSON CAMACHO

Members of the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association marched and displayed some skills in playing football at the Liberation Day parade. FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

CNMI JROTC from all public high schools of Kagman, Saipan Southern High, and Marianas High stand in front of the main stage honoring the dignitaries and officials. JAYSON CAMACHO

Korean Association of Saipan youngsters hand out fans to the dignitaries and officials at the 2015 Liberation Day parade. JAYSON CAMACHO

The Choll A Bellu or Belau CAB dancers perform during the 2015 Liberation Day Parade. JAYSON CAMACHO

From left to right, Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council chair Antonia Tudela, vice chair Alice Igitol, Northern Island Mayor Jerome Aldan, 2015 Liberation grand marshal Jose Dela Cruz, Japanese Consul Hitoshi Kikuchi, Liberation Day executive committee chair Chris Leon Guerrero, Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, Skywalker Communications Group president Hu Bo, and Tinian Mayor Joey San Nicolas. JAYSON CAMACHO

FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA
Queen of the World 2015 titleholders pose with Bayani Association members after their successful event last Saturday at Saipan World Resort.

# Cris Manuel is Queen of the World 2015

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Despite the Queen of the World being held at the same time as the Liberation Day festivities, it still managed to draw a huge crowd that witnessed the eventual crowning of Cris Manuel as the gay pageant's inaugural winner.

Tickets were sold out and about 800 people watched and had fun at last Saturday's event held at the Royal Taga Hall of Saipan World Resort.

"We had a very wonderful crowd tonight. This was unexpected," said Mario Mayuga, president of the Bayani Association, which hosted the competition. "Even though there is Liberation Day, many still came."

"We're very thankful. I was positive that this will be a crowd drawer because this is what the people has been asking for," event director Ernie Molina said.

In his welcoming remarks, Mayuga explained why they chose to hold such an event for their 14th anniversary.

"Some of you might ask, why gay? Why not? We all know how creative, artistic, and talented they are. It is not about gender or status, it is about being equal, taking part in the community, and their contributions cannot be ignored," he said.

Fourteen contestants vied for the crown and entertained the crowd with their talent and wit. They are Jolly Maido as Miss Mexico, Anne Arafol as Miss Puerto Rico, Berta Tarrobal as Miss Egypt, Cris Manuel as Miss Philppines, Shake Espela as Miss CNMI, Tammy Torres as Miss Venezuela, Laura Martinez as Miss Trinidad & Tobago, Macy Chavez as Miss Colombia, Rica Lozarito as Miss Jamaica, Sunshine Geles as Miss Panama, Nestea Villegas as Miss Malaysia, Babes Asinero as Miss USA, Joan Olivero as Miss Bahamas, and Georgia Tadtad as Miss China.

» Bayani Association event draws a huge crowd

Of the 14, Manuel stood out and was hailed queen, taking home the crown and $600 prize. She also won the Best in National Costume and Best in Evening Gown.

This was Manuel's first pageant on Saipan after being here for only a year. Back in the Philippines, he used to join pageants as well and won titles such as Miss Gay Cabanatuan.

Manuel said he is actually shy and the hardest part for him was the lingerie segment.

"I didn't expect to win," he said. "I am happy."

Arafol was named first runner up and was also awarded the Best in Lingerie and Miss Talent trophies after performing a comedic version of the pop song, *Frozen*.

Second runner-up was Torres, while Espela won third runner-up and was also awarded the Spirit Award. Asinero placed fourth.

Other special awards were Miss Congeniality, which was won by Villegas, Miss Photogenic was given to Geles and the Charity Award went to Chavez.

Judges for this event were Noby Crisostomo, Megan Calderwood, Rob Harrel, Esther Kanayjorn, and Sonya Pangelinan Dancoe.

Guest performers were Saipan Ballroom Dance Team, Saipan Music and Dance, Gio Sagana, Lesly Ibarra, and Ramhae Andrea Adaza Awit. Event coordinator Annamae Adaza was the mistress of ceremonies.

Members of the audience include Miss Marianas Teen Gianna Camacho, Miss Marianas Jian Joyner, Philippine Honorary Consul Eli Arago, and Tan Holdings president Jerry Tan.

"I am very, very happy with the turnout of the event. Even the judges had fun and I had a lot of positive feedbacks," Molina said.

The event's major sponsor was IT&E. Donors included the TSL Foundation, PHI Pharmacy, JC Marketing Inc. KWAW 100.3 FM, Philippine Consulate General-Guam, Island Touch by Philip, Kanoa Resort, Fiesta Resort & Spa, Mariana Resort & Spa, Happy Market As Lito, Joeten Enterprises, St. Trading Company, MGA Business, HBR International Inc., National Office Supply, D' Elegance Café, Shirley Wilson Catering Services, Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino, and Numbers International Corp.

FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA
Cris Manuel, aka Miss Philippines, is crowned Queen of the World 2015.

FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA
Winners of Queen of the World 2015 pose with Miss Marianas Teen Gianna Camacho and Miss Marianas 2015 Jian Joyner.

FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA
Manuel wins the Best in Evening Gown trophy with her white Filipiniana-inspired dress. Philippine Honorary Consul Eli Arago presents the award.

# Business

## Nuclear deal has companies eyeing Iranian opportunities

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates** (AP)—The nuclear deal is done. Now it's time to talk business.

While it will likely be months before sanctions on Iran ease, business and political leaders are wasting no time in trying to tap into a large and what they hope will be a lucrative Iranian market.

Germany is dispatching a large trade delegation to Tehran on Sunday. Spain has a similar trip planned, and France's top diplomat is eyeing a visit too. Ads for European cars and luxury goods are starting to reappear in Tehran. Airlines in Dubai are fast adding new Iran routes to meet growing demand.

American firms, though, have to be much more cautious. Deal or no deal, U.S. sanctions not related to the nuclear program will still be in place and bar most American companies from doing business with Iran.

That means they stand to lose out to European and Asian companies—some that still have business contacts in the country before sanctions were tightened in recent years.

"It's easier to say who is at a disadvantage. And that will be U.S. firms," said Torbjorn Soltvedt, principal Mideast analyst at risk advisory company Verisk Maplecroft.

On paper, Iran holds plenty of promise. Two and a half times the size of Texas, it is home to some 80 million people, sits atop the world's fourth-largest oil reserves and the second-biggest stores of natural gas, and has well-established manufacturing and agricultural industries contributing to a $400 billion economy.

London-based Capital Economics estimates the economy could surge ahead by 6-8 percent annually over the next several years as sanctions ease.

"Everything is in place for economic growth," said Dominic Bokor-Ingram, portfolio adviser at British asset management firm Charlemagne Capital. His company earlier this year announced a plan to launch Iranian investment funds in partnership with an Iranian company.

"Iran has infrastructure, it has the institutions, it has the education," he added. "It has a lot of highly educated people who will go back to Iran if sanctions are lifted."

Tapping the market won't be easy.

The elite Revolutionary Guard is deeply involved in the economy and corruption is such a problem that President Hassan Rouhani lamented late last year that once-secret bribes are now being handed out openly. Iran ranks only 130 out of 189 economies on the World Bank's ease-of-doing-business list.

Assuming the deal goes ahead as planned it will still take at least several months until nuclear-related sanctions are lifted. And those sanctions can quickly be slapped back on if Iran fails to live up to its end of the bargain.

That means many multinationals are unlikely to commit to big investments in the immediate future, though the staggered sanctions relief also gives companies time to gear up their operations, analysts say.

The oil industry is one area where Iran could use outside investment. Fitch Ratings expects it will take years for Iran to get back to the roughly 2.5 million barrels a day it was exporting before 2012, because investment in the sector has been limited under sanctions.

Chevron Corp. spokesman Kurt Glaubitz said the company is reviewing the nuclear deal to understand its implications, but for now it remains "in strict compliance" with U.S. and international laws. Exxon Mobil Corp. declined to comment.

Another area ripe for dealmaking is Iran's creaking aviation industry. Sanctions have made it impossible for Iran to buy new Western-made planes and difficult to acquire spare parts for the planes it does operate.

An earlier interim nuclear agreement gave Boeing Co. and engine-maker General Electric Co. the green light to provide some spare parts for U.S.-made planes in service in Iran since the 1970s. Boeing says it has only sold one spare part along with some service bulletins and other materials since that deal came into force last year.

The latest agreement allows for licenses on the sale of commercial aircraft, and Transportation Minister Abbas Akhoundi has said his country is prepared to spend about $20 billion to purchase some 400 aircraft over the coming decade.

Boeing's Mideast communications head, Fakher Daghestani, said the company is reviewing the deal "but until the U.S. government gives us further direction, it would be premature to comment."

GE, which also has U.S. licenses to sell some medical equipment in Iran, said it looks forward "to reviewing the details of the agreement and will watch the regulatory landscape that may unfold."

While the Americans voice caution, Europeans are wasting little time wooing Iran.

Although planned some time ago, Germany's three-day trip led by Economy Minister Sigmar Gabriel comes less than a week after the nuclear accord was reached.

Spanish Industry Minister Jose Manuel Soria said he will be joined on a September trip by Spain's foreign and development ministers, and he expects good prospects for Spanish companies in industry, energy, telecommunications, tourism and infrastructure.

French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said Wednesday he would be paying a visit to Iran as France looks to explore business opportunities, though he made a point of saying commercial interests were not what drove the deal. A large French business delegation, anticipating a resolution to the nuclear issue, traveled to Tehran last year, rankling U.S. officials.

## Greek banks to reopen Monday but cash restrictions remain

**ATHENS, Greece** (AP)—Greek banks are reopening Monday after a forced 3-week closure but restrictions on cash withdrawals will remain.

In a decree Saturday, the Greek government kept the daily cash withdrawal limit at 60 euros ($65) but added a weekly limit. For example, a depositor who doesn't withdraw cash on Monday can withdraw 120 euros ($130) on Tuesday, and so on, up to 420 euros ($455) a week.

Bank customers will still not be able to cash checks, only deposit them into their accounts, and will not be able to get cash abroad with their credit or cash cards, only make purchases. There are also restrictions on opening new accounts or activating dormant ones.

The decree also pushes back by a month, to August 26, the deadline for filing income tax returns.

The degree came on the same day as Greece's coalition government swore in its new, reshuffled cabinet. Five prominent dissidents from the radical left Syriza party, the senior coalition party, were replaced. Four of them had voted against an agreement with Greece's creditors Thursday and the fifth had resigned before the vote.

Greece closed its banks beginning June 29 to prevent a bank run after the European Central Bank did not increase emergency funding as Greece's second bailout expired. After the Greek Parliament passed an agreement Thursday to seek a third bailout and related austerity measures demanded by creditors, the ECB raised its emergency funding to the cash-strapped Greek banks.

On Friday, German lawmakers voted 439-119 in favor of opening discussions on Greece's third bailout and the EU decided to release a short-term loan of 7.16 billion ($7.75 billion) to help Greece pay back a loan due Monday to the ECB.

The Greek Parliament will vote on further austerity measures Wednesday.

# Nation

## Shooter's family offers sympathy to families of victims

**CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.** (AP)—As the families of four Marines and a sailor shot to death in Chattanooga grieved their losses Saturday, the family of the man authorities say pulled the trigger offered sympathy, condolences and prayers.

AP

Teen Challenge member, Carol Parker, center, becomes emotional during a memorial service at River Park Saturday, July 18, 2015, in Chattanooga, Tenn., for the victims of the Tennessee shootings.

"There are no words to describe our shock, horror, and grief," said the statement, provided to the Associated Press by a lawyer representing the family of Muhammad Youssef Abdulazeez, who was killed by police. "The person who committed this horrible crime was not the son we knew and loved. For many years, our son suffered from depression. It grieves us beyond belief to know that his pain found its expression in this heinous act of violence."

The family added that they are cooperating with the investigation.

"We understand there are many legitimate questions that need to be answered," the statement said. "Having said this, now is the time to reflect on the victims and their families, and we feel it would be inappropriate to say anything more other than that we are truly sorry for their loss."

That statement came Saturday hours after the deadly toll from Thursday's attacks rose to five when a sailor died of his wounds.

In Chattanooga, a city that prides itself on strong ties between people of different faiths, some Muslims feared the community's perception of them had changed after the shooting rampage Thursday.

## Trump on John McCain: 'I like people who weren't captured'

**AMES, Iowa** (AP)—Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump criticized Sen. John McCain's military record at a conservative forum Saturday, saying the party's 2008 nominee and former prisoner of war was a "war hero because he was captured. I like people who weren't captured."

The comment drew some boos from some in the audience—and quick condemnation from rivals who have been waiting for such an opening to rein in the outspoken reality television personality. Trump has surged in polls recently, frustrating many in his party concerned that he has hijacked the 2016 Republican primary and damaged the GOP brand.

Trump and McCain traded barbs earlier this week. McCain said Trump's controversial comments about immigrants had "fired up the crazies" at a rally in Phoenix. Trump retorted that the Arizona Republican was "a dummy" who graduated at the bottom of his class at the U.S. Naval Academy.

McCain's war record was a cornerstone of his 2008 bid for president. A Navy pilot during the Vietnam War, he was captured after his plane was shot down. He was held for more than five years as a prisoner of war.

On Saturday, speaking at a conference of religious conservatives, Trump was pressed on his description of McCain as "a dummy." The moderator, Republican pollster Frank Luntz, described McCain as "a war hero."

"He's not a war hero," Trump said. "He is a war hero because he was captured. I like people who weren't captured."

During a news conference after his appearance at the Family Leader Summit, Trump did not apologize but sought to clarify his remarks.

"If a person is captured, they're a hero as far as I'm concerned. ... But you have to do other things also," Trump said. "I don't like the job John McCain is doing in the Senate because he is not taking care of our veterans."

A spokesman for McCain, Brian Rogers, had no comment when asked about Trump's remarks.

Trump said he avoided service in the Vietnam War through student and medical deferments. He said he got a medical deferment for a bone spur in a foot, but could not remember which foot. He added that he did not serve because he "was not a big fan of the Vietnam War. I wasn't a protester, but the Vietnam War was a disaster for our country."

The comments about McCain drew rapid criticism from other 2016 hopefuls. Some have been at the receiving end of Trump insults themselves.

## ACROSS THE NATION

### Ex-President George HW Bush 'in good spirits' after fall

**PORTLAND, Maine** (AP)—A spokesman for George H.W. Bush says doctors are pleased with the progress the former president is making since he fractured a bone in his neck during a fall last week. Jim McGrath said Sunday that Bush is doing better and his spirits are good. The 91-year-old Bush took a tumble at his summer home in Kennebunkport on Wednesday and remains hospitalized. The 41st president fractured his C2 vertebra, the second one below the skull, but doctors say it didn't impinge on his spine or lead to any neurological deficits. Doctors say they expect Bush to make a full recovery in three to four months.

### Rain calms California fire that jumped freeway, burned cars

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—A rare summer storm helped firefighters advance Saturday on a wildfire that swept across a California interstate, torching vehicles and sending people running for their lives before burning property in a desert town. Light rain and moist air dampened the blaze that began Friday afternoon in the mountainous Cajon Pass 55 miles northeast of Los Angeles, the main route connecting Southern California and Las Vegas. "The weather really helped," U.S. Forest Service spokesman Travis Mason said. The fire was sparked below the elevated lanes of Interstate 15. Pushed by 40 mph winds, it raced up a hill and onto the traffic-clogged freeway, trapping hundreds of people amid a cauldron of smoke, flames and ash. Drivers and their passengers abandoned their cars as flames hopscotched down the freeway, destroying 20 vehicles, several of which exploded in fireballs.

# Asia

## Taiwan promotes its island claim in South China Sea

**TAIPEI, Taiwan** (AP)—As China builds artificial islands in a vast resource-rich South China Sea and neighbors in Southeast Asia brace for possible conflict, Taiwan is cutting carbon emissions and offering a hospital for humanitarian aid on the sea's largest natural islet to seek international approval for easing tension.

Taiwan's unusual use of Taiping Island in the heavily contested Spratly archipelago may appeal particularly to the United States, a staunch, long-time informal ally that has at least scrutinized the legal basis for Taiwan's maritime claims. Washington, seeking stable relations with China as well, has also urged the six claimants to cooperate rather than fight.

Taiwan, which lacks the diplomatic ties to negotiate with the other five governments with claims in the South China Sea, has installed $1.29 million worth of solar panels on Taiping Island since 2011 to light a cluster of buildings and provide power for construction of a 200-meter (yard) pier due for completion by year's end, the head of the island's coast guard said Friday.

Panels covering 1,570 square meters (16,890 square feet), enough to save about 32,000 liters (8,450 gallons) of diesel fuel last year, also will supply electricity to a five-bed hospital and living quarters that accept seafarers of any nationality, Coast Guard Administration Minister Wang Chung-yi said.

Taiping receives about 10 foreign boats a year from China or Vietnam, usually during storms. The pier will make it easier for coast guard vessels or—if needed someday—naval ships to dock, allowing more medical supplies to reach the five-bed hospital with a rotating staff as well as a surgery ward. Taiwan also has built a military airstrip on the coast guard-controlled Island.

"No one is in opposition. The United States approves," Wang said. "When the situation gets tense, our country's stance is to take a novel approach. Can't we put aside the dispute? Taiping Island has solar power and green energy that are telling the world we have a different perspective on operating it."

Taiwan's design for its 1,400-meter (4,590-foot) -long, 400-meter (1,312-foot) -wide islet contrasts to the campaigns by China and Vietnam to landfill multiple islets, build military bases and drive oil rigs into the ocean floor near the Spratly and Paracel archipelagos. China had added some 2,000 acres (809 hectares) of land in the Spratly chain since last year, U.S. officials said.

## Main suspect in 2009 PH massacre dies in hospital

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—Andal Ampatuan Sr., a former Philippine governor and one of the main suspects accused of ordering the killings of 58 people in the Philippines' worst massacre, has died of a heart attack in a government hospital, his lawyer said Saturday.

Ampatuan, 74, was on trial for the 2009 massacre and was brought to the National Kidney and Transplant Institute in early June, when he was diagnosed with liver cancer. He fell into a coma last week and died overnight of a heart attack due to liver failure, said lawyer Salvador Panelo.

The influential power player in the southern Philippines, who was also mentioned in connection with allegations of massive vote cheating in national elections, Ampatuan was among 103 people who were charged with multiple murder in the Maguindanao massacre, one of the worst political killings in the country.

He and his relatives were accused of killing 58 people, including the family of their political rival and 32 journalists, on Nov. 23, 2009. It was also the world's worst single killing of media workers.

At a roadblock, the gunmen stopped the cars carrying the wife and three sisters of Esmael Mangudadatu, the contender in elections for provincial governor, and local journalists who were accompanying them on their way to file candidacy papers. They brought them to a hill where some were ordered to line up and were mowed down at close range, according to authorities. Others were shot inside their vehicles and buried in huge holes that had been dug by a backhoe. Bullet-riddled bodies were also found scattered on the ground or in other vehicles.

Even for a nation where political killings are common and impunity runs deep, the brazenness of the massacre sent shockwaves and forced then-President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo to call in the army to disarm the Ampatuans' private militias and order the clan, which ruled the impoverished but vote-rich province, to surrender.

Andal Ampatuan Sr. and his namesake son and the other accused have denied the charges against them. The slow pace of the trial has been criticized by the victims' families, and Arroyo's successor, President Benigno Aquino III, has repeatedly promised to deliver justice but without compromising the judicial process by rushing through the proceedings.

## ASIAN BRIEFS

### China says imprisoned Tibetan lama died of cardiac arrest

**BEIJING** (AP)—The cause of death of a Tibetan lama who was serving a life sentence in a Chinese prison was cardiac arrest, according to state media. Tenzin Delek Rinpoche died 13 years into a sentence on charges of financing and supporting a series of terrorist bombings and secession activities. His supporters say the charges were trumped up, and his family had complained last week it had been denied access to his death certificate and medical records. The 65-year-old had studied under the Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama—who Beijing considers a separatist—in the 1980s and been recognized by him as a reincarnated lama. The official Xinhua News Agency reported late Saturday that a prison guard had found Tenzin Delek suffering from respiratory failure about two hours after the monk began to take his usual nap on July 12. Prison doctors gave him emergency treatment and he was taken to a hospital and declared dead after further treatment.

### Pakistan, India again exchange fire over disputed Kashmir

**MUZAFFARABAD, Pakistan** (AP)—Pakistan and India again exchanged fire Saturday over the disputed region of Kashmir after violence earlier this week killed at least five people on both sides of the border. There were no casualties immediately reported, officials said. In a statement, the Pakistani military said Indian forces used heavy weapons to target Nezapir sector in Kashmir as people there celebrated the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Fitr. Pakistani troops responded with its own barrage to the "unprovoked firing" by India, it said. Indian army spokesman Lt. Col. Manish Mehta blamed Pakistan for initiating the fire. He said Pakistani troops with guns and mortar shells targeted Indian posts in Kashmir late Friday night for more than two hour and again resorted to "unprovoked firing" Saturday. He said Indian troops "appropriately" responded. Mohammad Aslam, a Pakistani police officer from Nezapir, told The Associated Press that terrified residents fled the area as people kilometers (miles) away heard the artillery fire.

# World

## Saudi Arabia says it stopped Islamic State attacks; 400 held

**RIYADH, Saudi Arabia** (AP)—Saudi Arabia announced Saturday it has broken up planned Islamic State attacks in the kingdom and arrested more than 400 suspects in an anti-terrorism sweep, a day after a powerful blast in neighboring Iraq killed more than 100 people in one of the country's deadliest single attacks since U.S. troops pulled out in 2011.

AP

A civilian inspects the site of a deadly Friday night suicide car bombing at a busy market in Khan Beni Saad, about 20 miles (30 kilometers) northeast of Baghdad, Iraq, Saturday, July 18, 2015.

The Saudi crackdown underscores the OPEC powerhouse's growing concern about the threat posed by the Islamic State group, which in addition to its operations in Iraq and Syria has claimed responsibility for recent suicide bombings aimed at Shiites in the kingdom's oil-rich east and in next-door Kuwait.

The Saudi Interior Ministry accused those arrested over the "past few weeks" of involvement in several attacks, including a suicide bombing in May that killed 22 people in the eastern village of al-Qudeeh. It was the deadliest militant assault in the kingdom in more than a decade.

It also blamed them for the November shooting and killing of eight worshippers in the eastern Saudi village of al-Ahsa, and for behind another attack in late May, when a suicide bomber disguised as a woman blew himself up in the parking lot of a Shiite mosque during Friday prayers, killing four.

The Interior Ministry said that in June they thwarted a suicide bomb attack on a large mosque in eastern Saudi Arabia that can hold 3,000 worshippers, along with multiple planned attacks on other mosques and diplomatic and security bodies.

Those arrested included suspects behind a number of militant websites used in recruiting, the ministry said.

Saudi Arabia branded the Islamic State group a terrorist organization last year and has joined the U.S.-led coalition targeting it in Syria and Iraq. Authorities have vowed to punish those responsible for terrorist attacks inside the kingdom, the Arab world's largest economy.

## Iran supreme leader: Nuclear deal won't change policy to US

**TEHRAN, Iran** (AP)—Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said Saturday a landmark nuclear deal won't change his country's policy toward the "arrogant" U.S., making his first public speech since the Islamic Republic's historic pact with world powers.

Khamenei said a more wide-ranging agreement with America is unlikely, striking a different pose than moderate President Hassan Rouhani, who earlier said the Vienna accord could "step-by-step remove bricks from the wall of mistrust" between Iran and the U.S.

However, the ayatollah's remarks also praised the Iranian negotiators who struck the deal. That likely means he won't offer a major criticism of the deal as Iran's parliament and its Supreme National Security Council, the nation's highest security decision-making body, consider the agreement in the coming days.

"Our policy toward the arrogant U.S. government won't change at all," Khamenei said in an address carried live by state television. "We have no negotiations with America about various global and regional issues. We have no negotiations on bilateral issues."

Khamenei's speech, which he gave to a large crowd in Tehran to mark the end of the Muslim holy fasting month of Ramadan, stressed that Iran will continue to support its allies in the Middle East, including the Lebanese Hezbollah, Palestinian resistance groups and the Syrian government.

Iran calls its Lebanese ally Hezbollah a "resistance movement" while the U.S. classifies it as a terrorist group. Iran also continues to call for the destruction of Israel, which Khamenei described in his speech as a "terrorist, baby-killer government."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has strongly opposed the deal. The West has feared Iran's nuclear program could allow it to build atomic weapons. Iran says its program is for peaceful purposes. The deal calls for limiting the program in exchange for lifting economic sanctions.

Prominent Iranian analyst Davoud Hermidas Bavand said Khamenei's remarks were primarily for domestic consumption as a "detente in Iran-U.S. relations is an inevitable consequence of the nuclear deal."

## S. Africa: Most victims home from hospital after train crash

**JOHANNESBURG** (AP)—The final count of commuters injured in a rush hour train collision on Friday has been revised to 239 people, down from the more than 300 originally reported, a spokeswoman for the South African rail service said on Saturday.

Only eight people were still hospitalized, said Lillian Mofokeng, the Metrorail spokeswoman for the Gauteng province.

"There is no one that is critically injured," she said. No fatalities were reported.

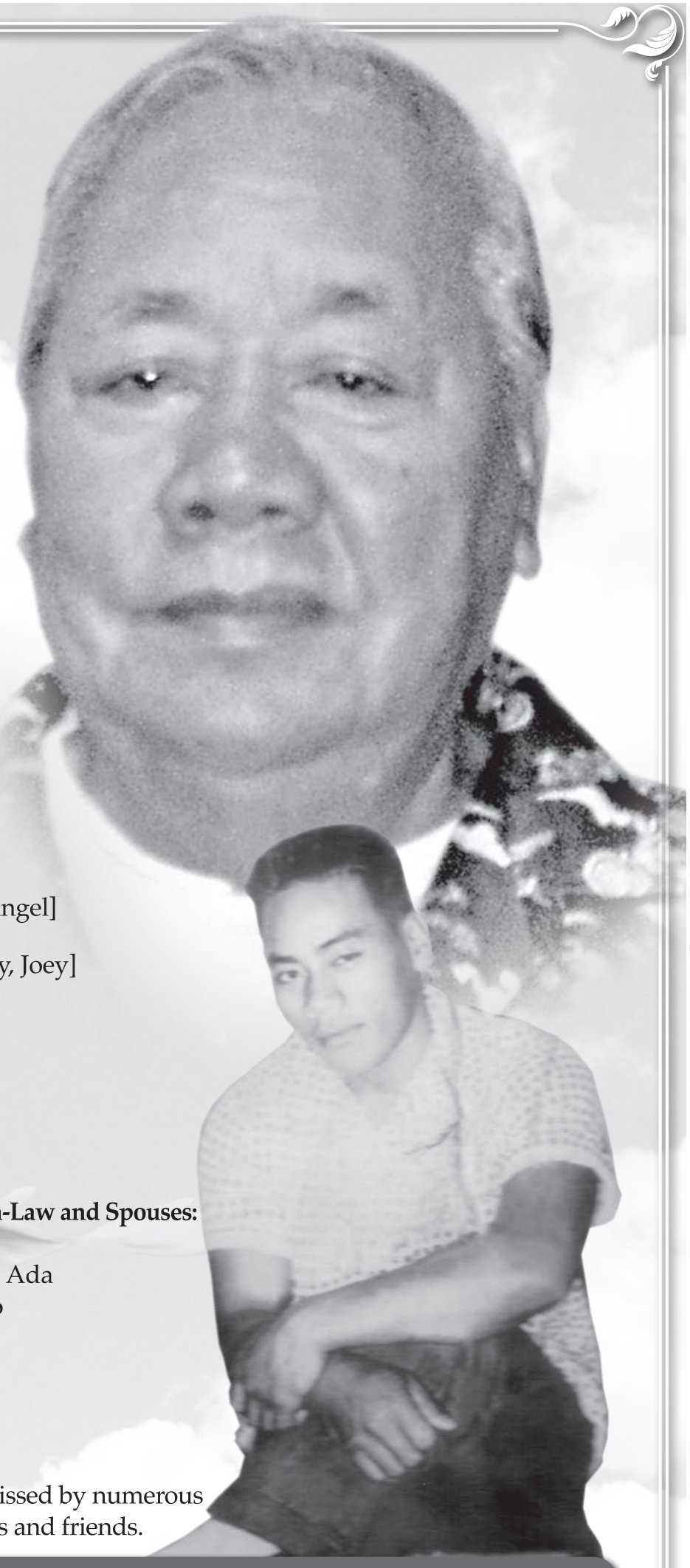
Mofokeng said she left the scene of the accident in the early hours of Saturday morning after all the injured had been rushed to hospital.

"We have managed to clear the scene but technicians are still repairing the area," she said. The area where the collision took place is still closed and commuters travelling on the affected route are being transported by bus. Thousands of commuters ride this route each day, she said.

The accident happened at rush hour on Friday between two stations, with both trains traveling from the Johannesburg city center to the township of Soweto. The trains were on the same track when a moving train crashed into the back of a stationary train.

The exact cause of the accident is still unknown and an investigation is underway, said Mofokeng.

# *In Loving Memory of*
# †Jose Hocog Naputi
## *December 02, 1939 – July 14, 2015*



*In his new life, he now joins his:*

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| **Wife in his First Marriage:** | **†Matilde SN. Sablan Naputi** |
| **Parents:** | †Enrique Ogo Naputi |
| | †Sara Hocog Naputi |
| **Parents In Law:** | †Telesforo Santos Ada |
| | †Maria Sasamoto Ada |
| | †Jose San Nicolas Sablan |
| | †Rosa San Nicolas Sablan |
| **Daughter:** | †Bernadita Naputi Dela Cruz |
| **Son In Law:** | †Francisco Arriola |

*His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:*
**Wife: Hinara Ada Naputi**

**Children & Grandchildren:**
**Magdalena Naputi** & Ernie Bell [Valerie Kay]
**†Bernadita N.** & Steven Dela Cruz [Matilde/Dulal (Berlena Ann), Steven Jr. (Kindu, Santiago, Francisco)]
**Mariano S. Naputi**
**Joseph S. Naputi**
**Augustin** & Melinda Naputi [Randy, Augustin Jr., Matilde, Atanacio, †Angel]
**Maryann N.** & Poland Yamada [Bo/Monissa (Kaden), Rosemary, Jose]
**Denita S. Naputi**/Albert Cepeda [Marjolyn(Denelyn, Gus), Blaren, Larry, Joey]
**Martin S.** & Erlinda Naputi [Marlyn/Isaiah, Maelyn, Jose]
**Francisco S. Naputi** [Kaishalynn]
**Jasen Ada** [J.R., R.J., A.J.]
**Jonathan** & Joice Ada [Jonalyn, J.J., Jace]
**Jolene A.** Naputi
**Jowel A. Naputi** & Mayumi Nakazato [TJ, Peleni, Sara, Jathaniel]
**Janet V.**/Felix Salas

**Parents at Heart:**
Margarita N./†Eugenio Tenorio

**Brothers, Sisters and Spouses**
**Maria N.** & †Larry Saralu
**†Consolacion N.** & Jesus Mettao
**Antonio H.** & Maria Naputi
**Elizabeth N.** & †Jim Dudley
**†Vicente H. Naputi**
**†Francisco H. Naputi**
**Rosa N.** & Ambrocio Ayuyu
**Miguel H.** Naputi & Barbara Borja
**†Juanita H.** Naputi
**Bernadita H.** Naputi & Angel Ayuyu
**Lucia Ana H.** Naputi/Jun Awid

**Brothers In-Law/Sisters In-Law and Spouses:**
†Estefania S.N. & †Tobias Muna
†Francisca S. & †Obed Celis
†Mariana S. & †Luis Cabrera
†Magdalena S. Chinel
†Margarita S. Palacios & +Joaquin Palacios
†Rosario S. & †Antonio Santos
†Mariano S.N. Sablan
Rosa S. & †Rudy Pangelinan
Milagro S. & †Efrain Palacios
†Josepha S. & Joaquin Delos Santos
Victoria S. & Jose Villagomez

**Brothers In-Law/Sisters In-Law and Spouses:**
Maria/Jaime Sasamoto
Juan/†Josephine, Malou Ada
Rosa/Mariano Camacho
Candido/Somjai Ada
Gregorio/Mary Ada

**Special Friends:**
HIMAWARI FAMILY

He will also be greatly missed by numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Daily Mass of Intentions are being celebrated for the repose of his soul at Kristo Rai Church at 6:00am and Holy Rosary is being prayed each evening at 7:00pm at Kristo Rai Church. Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, July 22, 2015. His remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 9:00am to Kristo Rai Church. Responso Service will be at 9:30am followed by Holy Rosary at 9:45am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1:00pm. Interment Service will follow at Mt. Carmel cemetery where he will be at a peaceful rest.

Please join us in prayers,
Thank you and Si Yu'us Ma'ase

***Hinara Ada Naputi, Children and families***
***Children and families of the late +Matilde Sablan Naputi***

# Life & Style

## Deposition: Cosby paid women to keep affairs secret

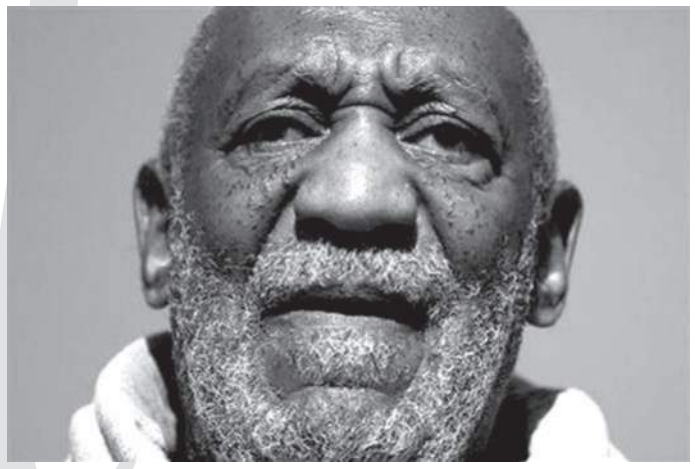
**NEW YORK** (AP) -- Bill Cosby, in sworn testimony a decade ago, said he had paid women after sex to keep the affairs from his wife, suggested he was skilled at understanding nonverbal cues for sexual consent and called one of his accusers a liar.

The New York Times reported the revelations Saturday after obtaining a copy of a transcript from a deposition Cosby gave in a lawsuit filed by a former Temple University employee who alleges he drugged and molested her.

According to excerpts from the deposition released a month ago, and first obtained by The Associated Press, Cosby admitted he procured Quaaludes with the intent of giving them to young women he wanted to have sex with.

The Times, citing the transcript, reports that Cosby told lawyers for Andrea Constand, who worked at Temple in Philadelphia and brought the suit, that he was a "pretty decent reader of people and their emotions in these romantic sexual things."

He said he offered to pay for Constand's education and paid another woman whom he had met in 1976. He said he funneled money to one of the women he had sex with through his agent so his wife wouldn't find out.



AP

In this Nov. 11, 2014, file photo, comedian and Navy veteran Bill Cosby speaks during a Veterans Day ceremony in Philadelphia.

Cosby's publicist, David Brokaw, did not immediately return a message seeking comment late Saturday.

Although Constand never sought any money from Cosby, the comedian said he figured his wife would have known he was helping her with furthering her education but said, "My wife would not know it was because Andrea and I had had sex," according to the newspaper.

Constand's case was settled on confidential terms.

Cosby has denied accusations made by dozens of women who claim he sexually assaulted them. He has never been charged with a crime, but the accusations have shattered Cosby's good-guy, fatherly image.

At points during the deposition, Cosby also described his sexual encounters with the women in detail.

The deposition also paints Cosby as emotionally charming, but he also spoke about disregarding relationships to pursue other women.

He suggested he was skilled at understanding women and nonverbal cues signaling sexual consent.

Cosby, who has been married since 1964, said he sparked a relationship with Constand in the early 2000s and invited her to his house and had conversations about her family and plans for future education.

The relationship between the two continued for several years until, Constand says, Cosby drugged and molested her in his Pennsylvania home.

Cosby said during the deposition that Constand was "a liar."

Although Cosby pained himself as sensitive to Constand, he told her attorney, "I think Andrea is a liar and I know she's a liar because I was there," when he was asked how he felt about Constand crying during her deposition in the case.

Bruce Castor, the suburban Pennsylvania prosecutor who declined to bring charges in the Constand case a decade ago, told the AP earlier this month that if he is elected again he would review the unsealed court documents to see if Cosby committed perjury.

The Associated Press generally does not name people who say they have been sexually assaulted unless they agree to have their names published, as Constand has done.

## 'Hamilton' cast 'thrilled' after Obama and his girls see it

AP

A crowd gathers along 8th Avenue in New York, Saturday, July 18, 2015, to watch the presidential motorcade pass by as President Barack Obama, his daughters Sasha and Malia, his sister Maya Soetoro-Ng, her husband Konrad Ng and friends make their way to Richard Rodgers Theatre to attend a performance of Hamilton.

**NEW YORK** (AP)—The current American president took a trip back in time Saturday to visit some of the country's early leaders in the hip-hop musical "Hamilton" on Broadway, leaving the young cast jazzed and beaming.

Barack Obama and his daughters caught a Saturday matinee of Lin-Manuel Miranda's celebrated show about the first four presidents, the Founding Fathers and especially the nation's first treasury secretary, Alexander Hamilton.

Renée Elise Goldsberry, who plays Angelica Schuyler, told herself to try to slow down. "My breath at the start of the show was in my neck," she said, laughing. "Fortunately, there was a lot of prayer happening before."

White House spokesman Eric Schultz said Obama loved the play and pronounced it "fabulous." Added Schultz: "He said it lived up to the hype."

For the performance, 35-year-old Miranda - who composed the songs, wrote the story and usually plays the title character - wore a dark suit and sat beside the president at the Richard Rodgers Theatre. His understudy, Javier Muñoz, played Hamilton.

"It felt fitting to get to watch the show with the president and his family in attendance. I don't know if I'll ever have a thrill like it again," said Miranda.

It's the first time Obama has seen the full show. Miranda first performed material from what he was then called "The Hamilton Mixtape" for a newly elected Obama in 2009. First lady Michelle Obama caught it in downtown this spring.

The musical focuses on the orphan, immigrant roots of "the $10 Founding Father without a father," his vices and ambition, and his almost Greek tragedy of a death at the hands of Aaron Burr.

Director Thomas Kail said the musical in many ways had its origins in Obama's election and the commander-in-chief's presence Saturday "put a charge in the atmosphere. It was palpable."

Kail's instructions to the cast: Do the show, no more, no less. "To honor him and the show, you just do the show and let him be a father here with his two daughters," said Kail.

The president slipped into his seat just before it started and then went onstage at intermission to take a private photo with the cast and producers. His presence froze traffic in much of Times Square, with two sanitation trucks shutting down all vehicles on 46th Street between Broadway and Eighth Avenue. Many cast members gathered onstage after the theater was empty, sharing high-fives and beaming.

"Hamilton" was a sold-out sensation earlier this year when it debuted off-Broadway, with people paying well over 10 times the $120 ticket price and a crush of fans seeking lottery tickets. Celebrities like Tom Hanks and Madonna showed up and praised the show for its mix of breezy pop, rap battles, gospel and R&B.

Jonathan Groff, who plays a hysterically foppish King George III, said the whole day was "completely surreal." He rode his bike to the theater and "had butterflies in my stomach." He, like the rest of the cast, never broke character to acknowledge their special guests.

The Obamas have been big boosters of Broadway during his presidency. Michelle Obama and daughters Sasha and Malia have attended performances of "Memphis," "Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark," "Sister Act," "The Trip to Bountiful," "Motown the Musical" and "The Addams Family."

The first couple saw Denzel Washington in a revival of "A Raisin in the Sun" last year and "Joe Turner's Come and Gone" during a date night in 2009. Michelle Obama and six girlfriends also saw "Fela!" in 2010. Last weekend, Michelle Obama, her two daughters and her mom caught the Saturday matinee of "Kinky Boots."

## China deports 20 foreigners for watching 'terrorist' videos

**BEIJING** (AP)—China has deported 20 foreigners from Britain, South Africa and India for watching video clips that advocated terrorism and religious extremism, the official state media reported, while two of the tourists reportedly blamed their detentions on a documentary about Genghis Khan.

Xinhua News Agency said late Saturday that the foreigners watched an unspecified documentary in a hotel room and later some of them watched video clips that advocated terrorism. Police also found similar clips on a cellphone belonging to one of the South Africans, Xinhua said.

It cited the foreign affairs office of Ordos city in China's Inner Mongolia region, where police had stopped the 10 South Africans, 9 Britons and one Indian on July 10 as they were going to fly to Xi'an, home of the terracotta warriors and their next stop on a 47-day tour of the country. The British Embassy had said the group included nine Britons and two with dual British-South African nationalities.

Britain's Press Association reported that the documentary was a BBC production on the 13th century Mongol warrior Genghis Khan, citing a statement from two of the British tourists, husband and wife Hoosain and Tahira Jacobs. They said that the video "may have mistakenly been deemed as `propaganda' material.'"

"It can only be assumed that junior officials who made the initial arrest in Inner Mongolia made a mistake, due to perhaps their unfamiliarity of the English language," the statement said.

The Jacobs also said that the group was a mixture of Muslims, Christians and Hindus who had traveled together in the past, including to Israel and the United States. They had visited the Genghis Khan Mausoleum in Ordos the day before they were stopped at the airport.

Xinhua said that five South Africans, three Britons and one Indian national were criminally detained on July 11 in connection with a law that "stipulates punishment for allegedly organizing, leading or joining terrorist groups."

It said the nine "admitted to their illegal acts and repented," without elaborating. It said police treated the case leniently and deported them on Saturday.

The other 11 were deported Wednesday.

Calls to the foreign affairs office in Ordos rang unanswered Sunday. A man on duty at Ordos police, who only identified his surname, Han, said he had no information on the case.

## Judge allows sex-tape case against 50 Cent to proceed

**HARTFORD, Conn.** (AP)—A federal judge in Connecticut has ruled that a lawsuit over a sex tape can proceed against rapper 50 Cent, despite his bankruptcy filing.

A New York jury awarded Lastonia Leviston $5 million last week after determining the rapper, whose real name is Curtis Jackson III, didn't have her permission when he posted online a sexually explicit video she made with her boyfriend.

The jury was to consider punitive damages Monday, but Jackson filed for bankruptcy that day in Connecticut, temporarily stalling Leviston's lawsuit. Her lawyer alleged Jackson filed for bankruptcy to evade testifying in the New York case.

A lawyer for Jackson didn't immediately return a message seeking comment on the judge's ruling Friday.

Leviston's attorney, Philip Freidin, tells The Hartford Courant he's pleased the New York case will be resuming Monday.

# Tabloid publishes images of future queen giving Nazi salute

**LONDON** (AP)—Buckingham Palace expressed its disappointment Saturday with a tabloid newspaper for publishing images of a young Queen Elizabeth II performing a Nazi salute with her family in 1933, the year Adolf Hitler came to power.

The palace took the unusual step of commenting on the report in The Sun newspaper, which shows the queen—then about 7 years old—at the family home in Balmoral, with her uncle Edward, mother and sister. The grainy footage also shows Elizabeth's mother making the salute as the family laughs.

"It is disappointing that film, shot eight decades ago and apparently from Her Majesty's personal family archive, has been obtained and exploited in this manner," the palace said.

The images, posted on the newspaper's website under the headline "Their Royal Heilnesses," shows the young girls prancing on the grass. A dog runs underfoot. The girls jump up and down.

Military historian James Holland told The Sun that the royals were joking.

"I don't think there was a child in Britain in the 1930s or `40s who has not performed a mock Nazi salute as a bit of a lark," he was quoted as saying.

The queen's former press secretary, Dickie Arbiter, said the royals would be relaxed about the release of the film given the context in which it was shot—and given that the monarch's parents took a fierce anti-Nazi stand during World War II. But he said they would be angry about how the newspaper obtained what is essentially a home movie.

He noted that the true extent of Nazism's evils became known only later.

The Sun's managing editor, Stig Abell, said the footage was obtained legitimately. He told the BBC that the story was "not a criticism of the queen or the Queen Mum."

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Secret 1933 film shows Edward VIII teaching this Nazi salute to the Queen
THEIR ROYAL HEILNESSES
THE
US ready to switch off cash supply to Putin

AP

A row of newspapers on display including a paper with a photo of Britain's Queen Elizabeth as a child giving a Nazi salute, in a shop, in London, Saturday July 18, 2015.

# Obama to appear on 'The Daily Show' as Stewart nears end

**NEW YORK** (AP)—President Obama is booked for his seventh appearance on "The Daily Show" Tuesday as Jon Stewart is beginning his final three weeks as host of the show.

Obama last appeared alongside Stewart while he was running for re-election in 2012.

Stewart announced earlier this year that he will be leaving "The Daily Show" after 16 years. His final broadcast will be on Aug. 6, to be replaced by Trevor Noah in September.

AP

In this Oct. 18, 2012 file photo, President Barack Obama talks with Jon Stewart during a taping of his appearance on "The Daily Show with John Stewart" in New York.

# Sandler says he wasn't trying to offend Native Americans

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Adam Sandler feels that when audiences finally see his upcoming Netflix comedy, "The Ridiculous Six," they will realize he wasn't trying to offend anyone.

The spoof takes its name from the western classic "The Magnificent Seven" and pokes fun at the genre. But not everyone found it funny.

Earlier this year, a group of Native American actors walked off a New Mexico film set over complaints that content in the film was offensive to their culture. The actors objected over the vile names of some of the characters, as well as a Native American woman urinating while smoking a peace pipe.

"It was just a misunderstanding and once the movie is out will be cleared up," Sandler told The Associated Press on Saturday on the red carpet for the world premiere of his new film, "Pixels."

Sandler called "The Ridiculous Six" 100 percent pro-American Indian.

Produced by Sandler's Happy Madison production company, the all-star cast includes Sandler (who also co-wrote it), Taylor Lautner, Steve Buscemi and Luke Wilson. It premieres Dec. 11 on Netflix.

## Lee Daniels on Emmys Instagram video: 'I was having fun'

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Lee Daniels says people took his online hijinks a little too seriously.

The "Empire" creator became a trending topic after posting an expletive-filled video alongside actor Jussie Smollett with the hashtags #timetoberealagain and #emmyniceguyoverwith. The freshman hit series earned three Emmy bids Thursday—lead actress for Taraji P. Henson and two for costume design—but failed to nab a best drama nomination.

Daniels posted a video on Twitter and Instagram after the nominations were announced that shows him laughing with Smollett, who tells him, "You have to be nice." Daniels then unleashes a tirade of obscenities, which some entertainment media understood as a response to a perceived Emmy snub.

But Thursday night, Daniels posted another video with the hashtags #emmypower and #congratstoall.

# Pitbull to Trump: 'I'm a Latino first, I support our people'

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Pitbull is the latest star to take a bite out of Donald Trump.

The rapper called Trump out at Premios Juventad, the Spanish-language awards show that aired Thursday on Univision. The channel dropped Trump's Miss USA Pageant after his comments about some Mexican immigrants being rapists, criminals and drug dealers.

Pitbull said, "I want to tell Marco Rubio, step it up! Jeb Bush, step it up! Hillary Clinton, step it up! Because Donald Trump can't be president."

He added: "For all of the Latinos out there, keep your heads up, and Trump, watch out for El Chapo dude."

The rapper spoke in Spanish and also said, "I want him to know I'm not a politician. I'm a musician. I'm a Latino first. I support our people."

AP

In this Nov. 23, 2014 file photo, host Pitbull speaks on stage at the 42nd annual American Music Awards in Los Angeles.

# Curious daughter discovers a bombshell in mom's diary

DEAR ABBY: I recently found a notebook of my mom's. On the outside cover it said, "Disclaimer: Do Not Open Unless You're Me!" Being the curious soul that I am, I opened it despite the disclaimer.

As I flipped through the pages, I learned many things about my mom that I didn't know, like her faith in God and how the things that happened in her life molded her into who she is today. I stopped at the page titled, "The Summer of 10th Grade." As I read it, I learned the truth about how I was conceived. Written in capital letters were the words "I WAS RAPED." It felt like the world had stopped. I had no clue.

I'd always assumed Mom got pregnant at 16 because she made stupid decisions, but I was wrong. I could never imagine how my mom could get through a day without looking at me as a reminder of what happened to her.

Where do I go from here? Should I confront her about it? I have no one to talk to, so I hope you can give me some advice.

CHILD OF RAPE

**DEAR CHILD: I'm glad you wrote, because it gives me an opportunity to point out that if you hadn't been wanted, your mother had other alternatives. If you had no clue, it's because you are the daughter she loves, and I'm sure you have been a source of much joy in her life.**

**If you feel the need to discuss this with her, then you should. Because she left the notebook in a place where it could be discovered, she may have subconsciously wanted it to be found.**

**DEAR ABBY:** At 24, I am fortunate to have loving, functional relationships with my mother, father, stepmother (of 15 years) and stepsister. I attribute my healthy childhood to the fact that my mom and dad have always acted as best friends when we're together, despite having been separated almost my entire life.

However, lately I have been finding my parents' relationship very inappropriate. They have been hanging out together often without me, and almost certainly without my stepmother's knowledge. I have stumbled upon suggestive texts that imply a flirty relationship, and probably more. I don't know whether these are recent developments or if I have just stopped being naive.

I would never want my stepsister to discover anything about my mom and dad the hard way. I especially don't want to see her hurt by becoming a child of divorce. Would I be overstepping my boundaries if I asked my mom and dad to spend less time together and restrict their relationship to being parents to me and that's all?

HURT CHILD-WOMAN

## DEAR ABBY

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# Pastimes

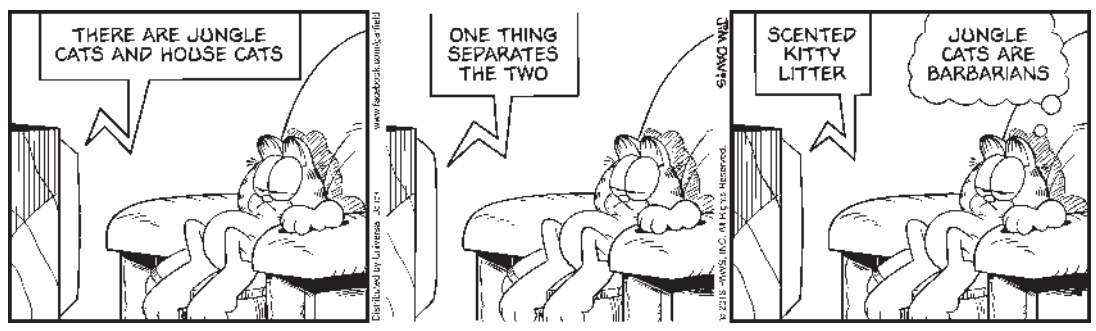
## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

MOM AND DAD SAY I SHOULD MAKE MY LIFE AN EXAMPLE OF THE PRINCIPLES I BELIEVE IN.
BUT EVERY TIME I DO, THEY TELL ME TO STOP IT.
I'M NOT SURE THAT TOTAL SELF-INDULGENCE IS REALLY A PRINCIPLE.

## Garfield®

By Jim Davis



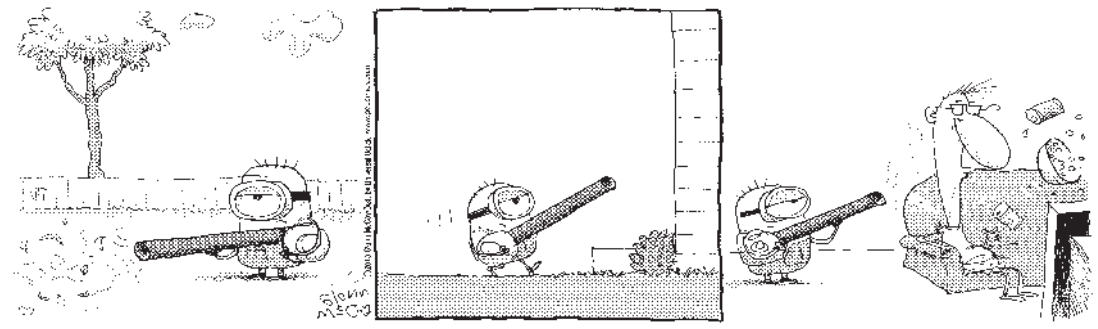

## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

HEY. REMEMBER YOU ASKED FOR YOUR OWN UNICYCLE LAST CHRISTMAS?
AND DIDN'T GET ONE? YES. I RECALL THAT.
BANG BANG
WELL, I SAW ONE AT A GARAGE SALE ON THE WAY HOME.
REALLY??
I SMELL EXCITEMENT!
I SMELL THRILLS!
I SMELL FACIAL RECON-STRUCTIVE SURGERY!

## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



## CROSSWORD

*By Eugene Sheffer*

**ACROSS**
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4 Michael of R.E.M.
9 Energy
12 Writing implement
13 Wails
14 Gorilla
15 Worshipper of all gods
17 Born
18 Cyclades island
19 Almost fall
21 "Fantasia" ballerinas
24 Unrestrained revelry
25 McKinley's first lady
26 Allow
28 Indian title
31 Fasting period
33 Castaway's message
35 Lady of Lisbon
36 Yoga position
38 "Of course"
40 Firmament
41 Actress Paquin
43 Entry
45 Radiant
47 Also
48 Chinese chairman
49 It goes without saying
54 Id counterpart
55 Cockeyed
56 Encyc. section
57 A Bobbsey twin
58 Fork features
59 Tibetan critter

**DOWN**
1 Angry Birds, e.g.
2 Meadow
3 Hostel
4 Educational institution
5 Hair
6 Midafternoon, on a sundial
7 Green pasta topping
8 Perfumery compounds
9 Runs ruin them
10 Duel tool
11 Juror, in theory
16 Gratuity
20 "Zounds!"
21 Jack and Jill's terrain
22 Thought (Pref.)
23 Commedia dell'arte clown
27 Plaything
29 Cartoonist's supply
30 Serenades the moon
32 Melody
34 Where Starbucks' started
37 Answer angrily
39 Runs
42 Ritzy violin
44 URL ending
45 Prayer conclusion
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50 Wall climber
51 Extinct kin of the kiwi
52 Wapiti
53 Wapiti

Solution time: 27 mins.

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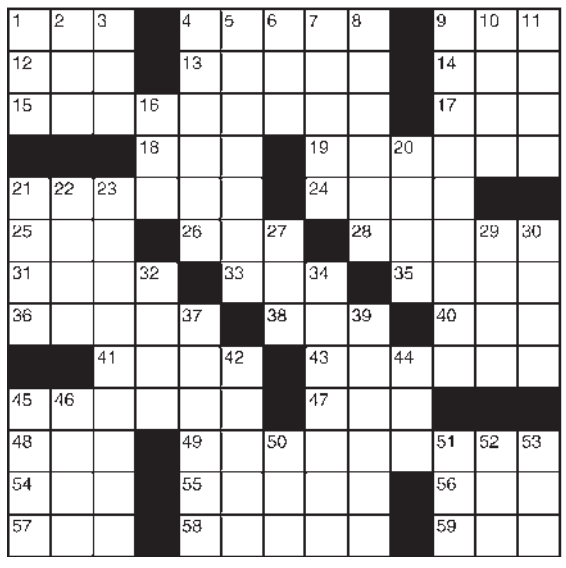
Last Friday's answer 7-17



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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Regret is a waste of time. Look ahead and make positive plans. Fix up your surroundings to suit your needs. Don't fold under pressure or let someone's change of plans disrupt what you want to pursue. Love is in the stars. ✪✪✪

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Stick close to home and abide by the rules. Don't hold back information or take someone else's word. Do your research and make your plans based on your findings. An unexpected occurrence will cause emotional interference. Protect your health and wellness. ✪✪✪

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Take your time, do things right and you will attract people and projects that will encourage your success. Love and romance are on the rise, and a change of people or destinations will lead to fun. ✪✪✪✪

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Let your creative imagination wander and you will come up with great ideas that can help you explore new avenues and options. Don't let what others do or the changes going on around you put a damper on what you can accomplish. ✪✪

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Share your concerns along with your solutions. Take charge by making a contribution that will enforce your dedication. Appeal to others emotionally and you will get the biggest response. Protect your assets and encourage personal growth. Love is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will be taken advantage of if you don't stipulate what you will and won't do. Making a donation will leave you in a vulnerable position. Invest in your future, your home and your family. Avoid impulsive spending. ✪✪✪

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23- Oct. 22): Don't give in to ultimatums. Step away from a situation that causes stress so you can get a clear picture and make a sound decision. Overreacting on your part or someone else's will end in irreconcilable differences. ✪✪✪

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Forward thinking will lead to prosperity. Experiment and you will discover a way to put your skills to better use. Working from home or adjusting your surroundings to be more conducive to the accomplishments you are trying to make will pay off. ✪✪✪

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A relationship or physical change can lead to a move or alter the way you live. An open-minded attitude will help you deter any repercussions involving a partnership that is going through changes. Spend less on frivolous desires. ✪✪✪

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Make sure to spend some time with the people who make you happy. Move things around at home or fix up a space that you can call your own. Working toward a happier and healthier lifestyle will bring good results. A partnership looks promising. ✪✪✪✪

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**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't limit what you can do. Put your heart into making the changes that will help you improve your current living situation. Self-improvement through physical actions will bring good results. Love is on the rise, and romance will enhance your day. ✪✪✪✪✪

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Rely on past experience. Your options are good, but you must take the time to ensure that what you are trying to accomplish is reasonable. Practicality will be a must if you want to make progress and profits. ✪✪✪

**Birthday Baby:** You are loving, loyal and bound by tradition. You are aggressive and possessive.

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## SUDOKU

**Conceptis Sudoku** *By Dave Green*

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| | 7 | 4 | 1 | | 3 | 6 | 2 | |

Difficulty Level ★

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

**Last Friday's SUDOKU Answer**

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| 3 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
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By DAVID OUELLET

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**'WHAT NOT TO WEAR' (REALITY TV SHOW)** **Solution: 8 letters**

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**Last Saturday's Answer: Uniform**

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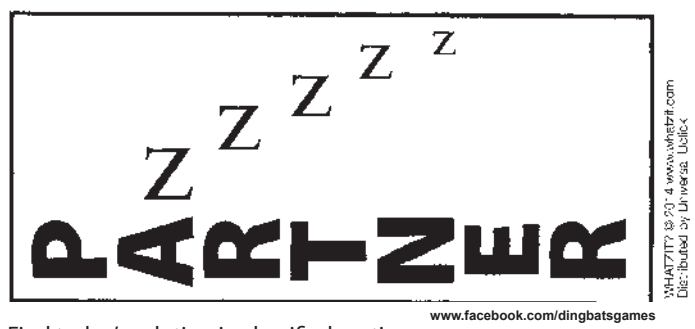


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# Cain homers in 13th inning, lifts Royals over White Sox

ATLANTA (AP)—Lorenzo Cain homered in the 13th inning and the Kansas City Royals outlasted the Chicago White Sox 7-6 Saturday in a game that took nearly five hours.

The AL Central-leading Royals won for the 10th time in 13 games.

Cain doubled and singled early, then led off the 13th with his ninth home run of the season. He connected against Dan Jennings (1-3).

Brandon Finnegan (3-0) pitched two scoreless innings in the four-hour, 56-minute game. Ryan Madson earned his first save in three chances after allowing a single in the 13th.

The Royals finished with 17 hits, including five doubles.

### Cubs 4, Braves 0

In Atlanta, Jon Lester lost his bid for a no-hitter in the eighth inning—a try revived by an official scorer's reversal—but ended the longest winless streak of his career as Chicago beat Atlanta.

A chopper in the first inning by Atlanta's Nick Markakis was originally ruled a hit, then the scorer changed it in the top of the seventh to an error on third baseman Kris Bryant.

A.J. Pierzynski led off the eighth with a line-drive single to right field for Atlanta's first hit. With one out, Andrelton Simmons' single up the middle chased Lester.

Lester (5-8) had gone 10 starts without a win. The lefty pitched a no-hitter for the Red Sox in 2008 against Kansas City.

The Cubs had lost eight straight at Turner Field dating to 2012.

Manny Banuelos (1-1) took the loss.

### Mariners 4, Yankees 3

In New York, Robinson Cano ended a season-long slump with a pair of two-run homers against his former team, Hisashi Iwakuma pitched neatly into the sixth and Seattle held on for the win.

Batting .249 with just six homers and 30 RBIs coming in, Cano has taken the brunt of the blame for the Mariners' subpar first half. But he came out swinging against the team he spurned for a huge contract with Seattle before the 2014 season.

The second baseman responded to hearty first-inning boos with a blast off Michael Pineda (9-6) over the center field wall with Kyle Seager aboard, helping the Mariners end a seven-game skid against New York.

Brian McCann hit a tying two-out, two-run shot off Iwakuma (2-1) in the fourth.

Carson Smith gave up an RBI grounder to Garrett Jones in the ninth before getting Didi Gregorius to ground out to Cano with the tying run on second base for his seventh save.

### Orioles 3, Tigers 0

In Detroit, Chris Tillman gave up a leadoff single and not much else and combined with Zach Britton on a one-hitter to lead Detroit.

Ian Kinsler cleanly singled to right-center field to open the bottom of the first. Victor Martinez walked later that inning, but Detroit didn't manage a single baserunner after that.

Tillman (7-7) retired the last 23 hitters he faced and struck out eight overall in eight innings. Britton pitched a perfect ninth for his 24th save in 25 chances.

Manny Machado homered off David Price (9-3). The Tigers lefty struck out 12 in seven innings.

### Dodgers 4, Nationals 2; Nationals 5, Dodgers 3, completion of suspended game

In Washington, Clayton Kershaw struck out a season-high 14 in eight shutout innings and Los Angeles earned a split of the two games decided on the day.

Kershaw (7-6), coming off a shutout of the Phillies, scattered three singles and didn't walk a batter. The lefty has won six straight starts against Washington, fashioning an 0.96 ERA in the process.

Bryce Harper struck three times against Kershaw, but hit a two-run homer in the ninth off reliever Kenley Jansen. It was Harper's 27th of the season.

Doug Fister (3-5) allowed four runs and nine hits over five innings.

Hours earlier, pinch-hitter Matt den Dekker lined a two-run homer in the eighth inning that lifted the Nationals over the Dodgers 5-3 in the completion of a game suspended a day earlier after the fifth because of a lighting malfunction with Washington ahead 3-2.

### Rays 3, Blue Jays 2

In Toronto, Curt Casali hit a tiebreaking home run in the eighth inning to lead Tampa Bay.

Facing Ryan Tepera (0-1), Casali led off with a drive into the left-field bullpen, his second of the season and first since June 17.

Brandon Guyer also connected as the Rays won for the eighth time in 12 meetings with Toronto this season.

Jose Bautista homered for the Blue Jays, who fell to 10-19 in one-run games.

Kevin Jepsen (2-5) worked one inning for the win, Brad Boxberger pitched out of a jam in the eighth and Jake McGee finished for his fourth save.

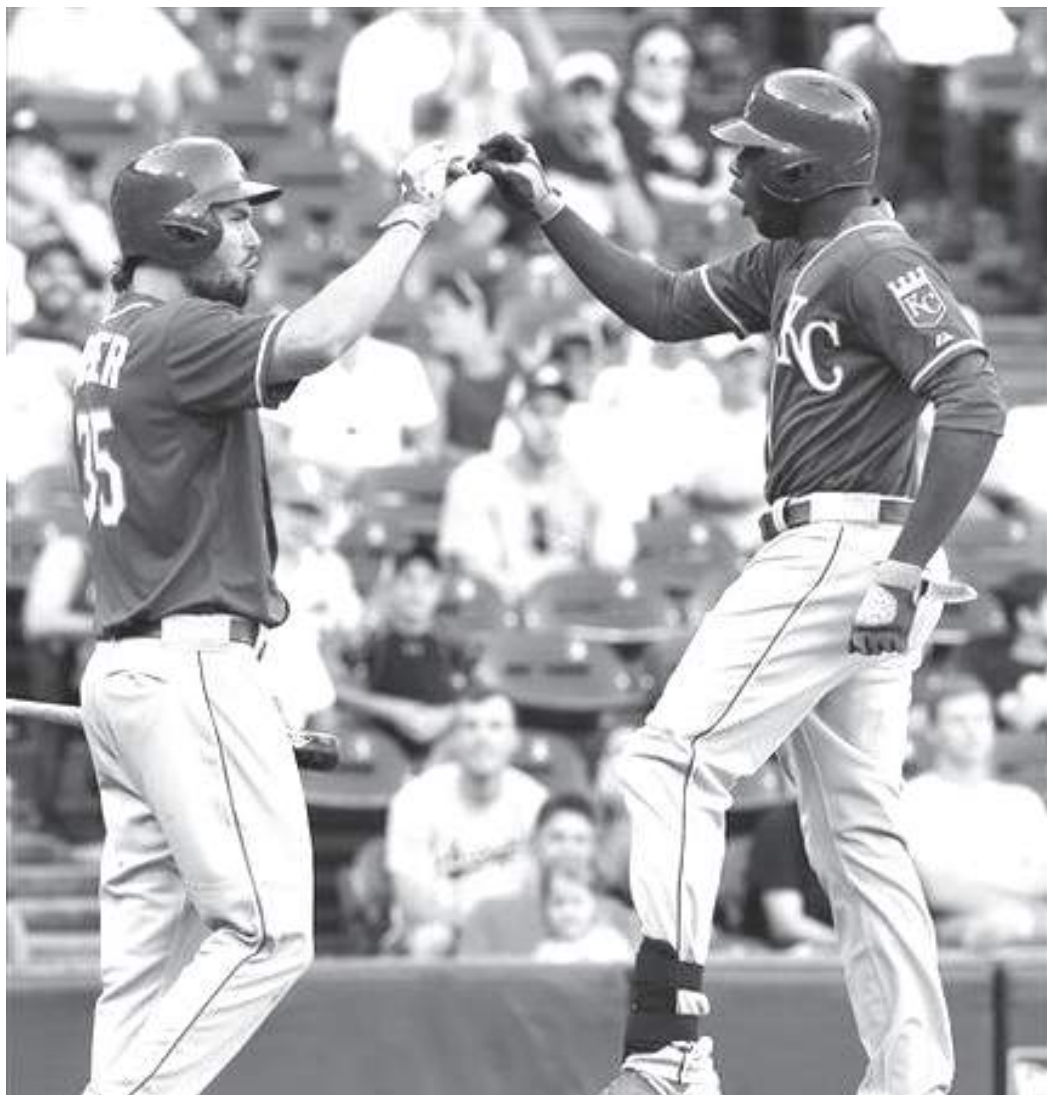
### Phillies 3, Marlins 1

In Philadelphia, Chad Billingsley had his best outing in nearly three years to lead Philadelphia past Miami.

Billingsley (2-3) gave up four hits, walked one and struck out two to help the major league-worst Phillies win their second straight game for the first time since a three-game winning streak June 21-23.

Ryan Howard and Domonic Brown lined RBI singles off Tom Koehler (7-6) in the first inning. The Phillies got just two hits the rest of the game.

Ken Giles pitched around two hits in the eighth for the Phillies, firing a 100 mph fastball past Adeiny Hechavarria to strand runners on second and third. Jonathan Papelbon finished for his 15th save in 15 tries.



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Kansas City Royals' Lorenzo Cain, right, celebrates with teammate Eric Hosmer after hitting a solo home run during the 13th inning of a baseball game against the Chicago White Sox, Saturday, July 18, 2015, in Chicago.

### Indians 9, Reds 4

In Cincinnati, Michael Brantley, Brandon Moss and Yan Gomes homered—part of a rare Cleveland splurge with Corey Kluber on the mound—and the Indians ended a nine-game losing streak in Cincinnati.

The Indians' skid was their longest anywhere in Major League Baseball. Their last victory in Cincinnati was on July 2, 2011, when Brantley hit a three-run homer off Homer Bailey.

Brantley connected in the first inning off Anthony DeSclafani (5-7), giving Kluber (5-10) an uncharacteristic cushion. The AL's reigning Cy Young Award winner has gotten the lowest run support in the majors, with Cleveland scoring only 2.3 runs behind him.

Kluber allowed seven hits—three each by Joey Votto and Brandon Phillips—in 7 2/3 innings. Cody Allen relieved and gave up Jay Bruce's three-run homer.

### Cardinals 12, Mets 2

In St. Louis, Jason Heyward matched a career best with five hits, Randal Grichuk had two homers and six RBIs, and John Lackey worked seven strong innings to lead St. Louis.

Mets starter Bartolo Colon (9-8) trailed by four runs after just one-third of an inning and surrendered seven runs in 4 1/3 innings.

Heyward was removed after singling in the eighth, perhaps because he fouled a pitch off his leg earlier in the at-bat.

Grichuk was 3 for 3 with a two-run homer off Carlos Torres that capped a four-run fifth and a three-run shot off Alex Torres in the eighth.

St. Louis improved to major league-bests of 58-33 overall and 33-11 at home.

Lackey (8-5) scattered 10 hits, one of them to .084-hitting Colon, but was hurt only by Michael Cuddyer's eighth homer leading off the sixth.

### Brewers 8, Pirates 5

In Milwaukee, Jonathan Lucroy, Aramis Ramirez and Khris Davis homered as Milwaukee took full advantage of a late lineup change.

Pittsburgh left-hander Francisco Liriano was scratched minutes before the game began due to neck stiffness. Sudden starter Vance Worley (3-5) gave up five runs—all with two outs—in four innings.

Brewers starter Jimmy Nelson (7-9) fell into a 3-0 hole before recording an out, but sparked Milwaukee's rally with a two-run single in the second.

Lucroy hit a go-ahead, two-run shot in the fourth. Ramirez had three hits, including a homer in the fifth, and Davis added a pinch-hit blast in the seventh.

Francisco Rodriguez converted his 21st save.

### Rangers 7, Astros 6

In Houston, Rougned Odor homered early, then got into a testy exchange at home plate in the ninth inning that escalated into a shouting match between the managers as Texas beat Houston.

Odor hit a two-run homer in the third and later singled. He came up in the ninth and exchanged words with Houston catcher Hank Conger.

Conger moved toward Odor and Texas slugger Prince Fielder raced from the on-deck circle to push the Astros player out of the way. Both benches and bullpens cleared as Fielder and Houston manager A.J. Hinch argued in the middle of the scrum. There was some pushing before Rangers manager Jeff Banister stepped in front of Fielder.

Hinch and Banister then engaged in a brief shouting match before order was restored and the game resumed with no ejections.

Odor followed with a triple, keying a two-run burst that made it 7-4.

Colby Lewis (9-4) allowed four hits and two runs in 7 1/3 innings. Shawn tolleson gave up a two-run homer to Conger in the ninth before retiring the next three batters for his 14th save.

Houston's Scott Feldman (4-5) gave up nine hits and four runs in 5 2/3 innings.

### Padres 5, Rockies 4

In San Diego, Clint Barmes hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the seventh and rookie catcher Austin Hedges homered and threw out a runner to help San Diego to its fourth straight win.

The Padres, who have underperformed after general manager A.J. Preller revamped the roster in a series of dazzling offseason moves, matched their season-high winning streak. They also won four straight from June 2-6.

The game was tied at 3 in the seventh when pinch-hitter Melvin Upton Jr. drew a leadoff walk off Christian Friedrich (0-2). Tommy Kahnle came on and allowed Barmes' homer to deep left.

The Rockies closed to 5-4 on Troy Tulowitzki's homer to deep left off Joaquin Benoit with one out in the eighth.

Brandon Maurer (6-2) got one out for the win. Craig Kimbrel struck out the side in the ninth for his 25th save.

### Angels 3, Red Sox 0

In Anaheim, California, Garrett Richards pitched a two-hitter for his second career shutout, Kole Calhoun hit two homers, and Los Angeles got its 13th victory in 16 games.

Richards (10-6) allowed just three baserunners and retired Boston's final 15 hitters in order to wrap up the second straight shutout victory for the Angels, who increased their AL West lead to a season-best 1 1/2 games. Richards allowed just one Boston runner to reach third base, retiring 22 of 23 overall to end it.

Pablo Sandoval had both hits for the Red Sox, who have been shut out in consecutive games for the first time since Aug. 7-8, 2009.

Calhoun, who had three hits, led off the third and fifth innings with long homers into the elevated right-field stands off Rick Porcello (5-10).

### Giants 8, Diamondbacks 4

In Phoenix, Jake Peavy got his first win of the season, Buster Posey drove in four runs, and San Francisco won its fifth straight.

The win gave San Francisco its 10th straight series victory in Arizona. The Giants haven't won this many series in a row on the road since they took 13 straight against the Boston Beaneaters/Doves from 1903 to 1907.

The Diamondbacks, two games into a 10-game homestand, have lost five straight since climbing to .500.

Peavy (1-4) allowed four runs and eight hits in 6 1/3 innings. Sergio Romo pitched the final 1 1/3 innings for his first save of the season.

The Diamondbacks' Chase Anderson (4-4) had his shortest outing of the season. In 3 2/3 innings, he allowed seven runs on 10 hits, nine of them singles.

# Favre returns to Lambeau for Packers Hall of Fame

**GREEN BAY, Wis.** (AP)—Brett Favre headed up the Lambeau Field tunnel, a path that he had walked dozens of times.

He turned left at the end, and then walked through a set of double doors. The Green Bay Packers' locker room was just down the hall on the right.

And that's when it finally it him. He was back at his football home.

The three-time MVP quarterback had his No. 4 jersey retired by the Packers on Saturday night before being inducted into the franchise's Hall of Fame in a ceremony inside Lambeau Field. It was the first time in the team's storied history that a player received both honors at the same time.

"It was like I never left. It was a great feeling. It was kind of weird because I had been here for a couple of hours and just walked off of Lambeau," Favre said before the ceremony. "It's kind of funny how things are triggered. And then it was kind of a sigh of relief almost."

It was a moment that some Packers fans thought would never come, not after the "will he-or-won't he retire" drama that marked the end of his 16-year tenure in Titletown. He was traded to the New York Jets in 2008, then played two more seasons with division rival Minnesota starting in 2009 before calling it quits for good.

Now a reconciliation that has been years in the making is finally complete.

"Congratulations Brett. Welcome home," Packers Hall of Fame president Perry Kidder said while presenting Favre with a ring and bronzed football.

Fans, many of them wearing No. 4 jerseys, gave him standing ovations. Family members, friends, along with former teammates and coaches watched while Favre spoke for about 50 minutes, pausing at least once to collect his emotions.

"Yes, I have been away from Green Bay for quite a while. A lot of people that I am close to have sort of forgotten the body of work" with the Packers, Favre told attendees. "Simply because of what has happened and the departure when I left. Of course, that is all forgotten. Today is a special day."

His hair is graying. But in a way, it was as if Favre had never left.

He cracked jokes. He held the audience captive with locker room stories and vivid anecdotes of former team officials, coaches and teammates. He resumed his love affair with fans.

Tailgaters milled around parking lots as if they were getting ready for a Bears game. More than 67,000 people were expected to watch the ceremony on video boards inside the stadium bowl.

Favre said he would try not to get emotional on Saturday night. He was fighting back tears by the time he was addressing fans on the field by microphone on a sticky afternoon before his induction ceremony.

Chants of "MVP! MVP! MVP!" ringed the stadium.

"The reception, it was hard to put in words," Favre said. "Boy, was that moving."

Former general manager Ron Wolf and former coach Mike Holmgren were among those who feted Favre. The quarterback was introduced at the event by his former roommate, center Frank Winters.

A banner with Favre's retired number was unfurled high above the stadium atrium. Favre will return to Lambeau on Thanksgiving night, when his No. 4 will join other retired numbers on the stadium's interior facade in a ceremony during the Packers' game against the Bears.

Holmgren likened Favre to a son he never had. Wolf said it was an honor to laud "and I realize I'm biased—the best player ever to play for the Green Bay Packers."

Wolf acquired Favre in 1992 from the Atlanta Falcons for a first-round draft pick. It was the move that would spark the revival of one of the league's marquee franchises.

What followed was a slew of records, including the NFL mark for quarterback durability of 297 straight regular-season games. The Packers won the Super Bowl in 1996, beating New England 35-21. They returned to the Super Bowl the following season, losing to Denver 31-24.

AP

Former Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre waves to fans as he walks onto Lambeau Field prior to getting inducted in to the Packers Hall of Fame and having his No. 4 jersey retired, Saturday, July 18, 2015, in Green Bay, Wis.

"I understand that this night is `about me,' but I would choose to say it's about us," Favre said, gesturing to those sitting behind him and referring his teammates. "And that's why I'm here today. It has nothing to do with me. But again, I'm extremely honored and that's probably an understatement."

# After 10-hour wait for wind, Dustin Johnson leads British

**ST. ANDREWS, Scotland** (AP)—Even with 155 years of history, the British Open can still serve up some strange twists at St. Andrews.

Dustin Johnson gave Saturday some semblance of order.

The second round lasted nearly 39 hours from the first tee shot to the final putt. Brooks Koepka hit one putt in 30 minutes, and he might still be on the 11th green except that he refused to keep going because his golf ball wouldn't stay put. Jordan Spieth, who won the Masters and U.S. Open on the strength of his great short game, three-putted five times in one round and still kept alive his hopes of a Grand Slam.

If that wasn't enough, 40 mph gusts that led to a 10 1/2-hour stoppage meant the British Open will end on Monday for the first time in 27 years.

For all the chaos on the Old Course, and for all the debate whether play should have even started Saturday because of the wind, Johnson only cared about the finish. He drove the 18th green and took two putts from 150 feet for birdie and a 3-under 69.

That gave him a one-shot lead over Danny Willett of England, who for the second straight year did not hit a single shot in the British Open on Saturday. Last year it was because he missed the cut. This time it was because he finished his second round Friday.

Not so unusual—at least not now—was Tiger Woods. He missed the cut for the third time in the last four majors.

One month after a three-putt from 12 feet cost him a shot at the U.S. Open, Johnson walked the Old Course with a swagger. He did enough damage over 13 holes Friday that even a couple of bogeys didn't get him off track, and he showed in the short time he played Saturday he could handle the wind.

"Every aspect of your game is challenged," said Johnson, who was at 10-under 134.

Paul Lawrie, the 46-year-old Scot who won a crazy Open at Carnoustie in 1999, played bogey-free over the final 14 holes for a 70 and was two shots behind. Louis Oosthuizen (70) and Jason Day (71) joined the large group at 7-under 137 that included Adam Scott and Zach Johnson, who finished Friday.

Spieth, going after the third leg of the Grand Slam, shot 72 and was five behind.

As gusts began to top 40 mph when the second round resumed in the morning, Johnson chose to chip up the steep slope at the front of the par-5 14th green. He didn't hit quite hard enough. And then, the player with a reputation of being it too much of a hurry at the majors made the mistake of taking his time. An inch away from placing his coin behind the ball to mark it, a gust moved his ball and it picked up enough momentum to roll off the green and cause Spieth race toward his ball and then jump out of the way.

"My coin was about to hit the ground when it took off," Johnson said. "Then I went to mark it again, and it took off again. And then Jordan was running to his ball. It was pretty funny. I was laughing at him. I wasn't laughing at myself."

Three putts later, Johnson had his second bogey of the week. One hole later, the R&A realized it was too windy to continue.

Johnson returned nearly 11 hours later, made two solid pars and finished with his birdie. It was the fourth time in the last six rounds at the majors that he has had at least a share of lead, though not when it mattered - at the end.

This might be his best chance yet.

Spieth three-putted for par on the 14th hole and swiped his putter in disgust as leaving two of those putts short. He had another three-putt from about 90 feet on the 17th hole. But he stayed in the game by driving the 18th green for a birdie.

"I believe I'm still in contention. I still believe I can win this tournament," Spieth said.

But after spending two days playing alongside Johnson, he also realized a third straight major will require some help.

"I need a really solid round tomorrow because Dustin is not letting up," Spieth said. "Dustin is going to shoot a good round tomorrow with less wind, and I'm going to need to shoot a great round to really give myself a chance."

The second round didn't finish Friday because a burst of heavy rain flooded the course. That was nothing compared with the gusts off the Eden Estuary, and the R&A knew it was going to be on the edge to play. R&A officials said they spent an hour on the 11th green—the most exposed part of the golf course—to make sure golf balls weren't moving. And then it started, and Koepka's ball wouldn't stay put.

He took nearly 30 minutes to hit one putt. He kept marking his golf ball and protesting with a rules official and finally said he wouldn't play when his ball moved a couple of inches on three occasions. A few holes ahead, Oosthuizen putted up to 3 feet on the 13th. A gust blew it a few feet away and, as the South African laughed at the absurdity, it moved about 8 feet away.

About that time, play was halted and didn't resume until 6 p.m.

Ultimately, what mattered was the finish.

Just not for Woods. He never had a realistic chance of making the cut. Needing mostly birdies, he resumed his round with three straight bogeys and shot 75 to finish his two rounds at 7-over 151. That was his highest 36-hole ever in the British Open, one month after his highest 36-hole total ever (156) to miss the cut in the U.S. Open.

# Unlucky Sagan second-best again at Tour as Froome stays cool

AP

Peter Sagan of Slovakia, wearing the best sprinter's green jersey, rides in the pack during the thirteenth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 198.5 kilometers (123.3 miles) with start in Muret and finish in Rodez, France, Friday, July 17, 2015.

**RODEZ, France** (AP)—Peter Sagan might be the unluckiest rider at the Tour de France. "So close yet so far" could be his nickname.

With a few more pumps on his pedals, a few more ounces of speed and power, the spunky Slovakian could have won four stages by now.

Instead, he has four second places.

He blamed only himself for the latest addition Friday to his unwanted collection. In a man-to-man duel on an uphill final sprint against Greg van Avermaet, Sagan mistimed his finish, easing up just a fraction too early against the Belgian rider who pushed to the very end.

"My stupid mistake," said the Tinkoff-Saxo rider.

Chris Froome was faultless. Again. Another stage down, another step closer to sipping champagne on the Champs-Elysees for the race leader.

"Just happy to tick that day off. One day closer to Paris now," he said.

For most of the flat-to-hilly Stage 13 from Muret deep in southern France, six low-placed riders rode in a breakaway at the front of the race. None were a threat for the podium in Paris. The closest to Froome, Cyril Gautier, was more than an hour behind him in the overall standings. So Froome and the main pack happily let the escape get away, hoping instead for a breather on the 198-kilometer (123-mile) trek after three grueling days of climbing in the Pyrenees and under unrelenting sun that melted tarmac.

Riding past plantations of yellow sunflowers and golden fields of harvested wheat, the riders worked on staying hydrated as temperatures soared into the mid-30s Celsius (mid-90s Fahrenheit). A loss of concentration proved very painful for Jean-Christophe Peraud. Last year's runner-up suffered a nasty spill at speed on the flat, tearing strips of skin off his left leg and arms as he hit the deck hard and rolled several times. The French leader of the AG2R La Mondiale team gingerly picked himself up and remounted, gritting his teeth. A Tour doctor then patched him up on the move, wrapping his wounds in bandages as Peraud gripped the speeding medical car.

"When it's hot like that, you need a new bottle of water every 10-15 minutes," said Froome. "It was tough."

And it got tougher.

As the finish in Rodez drew close, the peloton woke from its slumber. Like mice trying to escape a hunting cat, the escapees rode furiously, eyeing the stage win in the town of 26,000 people. Their speciality dishes include aligot, a mix of melted cheese and mashed potato, and tripe.

The cat had other plans.

Riders took turns at the front of the peloton to pile on speed. The gap melted like ice cream. With 7 kilometers (4 miles) to ride, it had shrunk from minutes to 40 seconds. It was clear this would be agonizingly close.

The pack caught its prey inside the last kilometer (half-mile), swallowing up the last three escapees. That was when van Avermaet and Sagan pounced, surging ahead, two powerful riders competing for one prize.

The 30-year-old Belgian made the top 10 on five previous stages. Not bad, but no cigar. As well as second places on Stages 2, 5 and 6, 25-year-old Sagan also placed third twice. Both were ravenous to win.

Van Avermaet, it turned out, just a fraction more so.

Sensing a rider—he didn't know it was Sagan—on his wheel, he emptied his tank. Sagan, sprinting behind, off his saddle, sat back down just a tad too early.

"Incredible," said van Avermaet, who rides for the BMC team.

"I was dead, really dead," he said. "I thought I'd caught second. I pushed for the line and was so happy he didn't overtake me."

# Nuggets' Ty Lawson to enter private alcohol treatment

**DENVER** (AP)—Denver Nuggets point guard Ty Lawson won't face DUI charges in California and Colorado until completing a 30-day residential treatment program, a Denver judge ruled Friday.

The troubled point guard attended a pre-trial hearing Friday in Denver, where his lawyer said Lawson enters treatment Saturday at Cliffside Malibu, a celebrity rehabilitation center in California that treats patients with addiction and psychiatric issues.

"We will be handling the personal needs of the defendant," said Lawson's lawyer, Harvey Steinberg. Lawson did not speak at the hearing.

Lawson, 27, was arrested Tuesday in Los Angeles on suspicion of driving under the influence. He was arrested in Denver for the same thing in January.

"Now we have a new situation that needs to be dealt with," Steinberg said Friday, referring to the Los Angeles arrest.

Nuggets GM Tim Connelly said he talked to Lawson on Friday and told him the organization backs its point guard.

"Ty is going through a rough time right now, but we're all behind him," Connelly said after the Nuggets finished summer league play in Las Vegas. "Ty's a really good person. He's a Nugget, so when one of our guys goes through issues, we support him as a family and everyone stands behind him."

After his January arrest, Lawson was ordered not to drink alcohol or violate laws as part of his bond. A Denver judge on Friday ordered Lawson to use a stationary blood-alcohol monitoring device after his release from treatment.

Prosecutors had asked for Lawson to be required to use a device, such as an ankle bracelet or a home breath tester that monitors the body for alcohol.

Lawson's next court appearance in Denver was set for Aug. 20.

Denver District Judge Doris Burd said she didn't order sobriety monitoring sooner because she thought the NBA was monitoring Lawson. She said she could issue a warrant for Lawson's arrest if he leaves treatment early.

"When any of our guys has an issue, we all have an issue," Connelly said. "And we stand firmly behind him."

## GUAM

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man-to-man defense in our every practice," added Tipton.

They posted an average winning margin of 61.8 where their most lopsided win was a 117-5 thumping of the Marianas Tataga on Thursday, the final day of round-robin play.

Guam, against the Dolphins, had twice limited their score in the 40s as it also held their foes to 41 in their first meeting, 94-41, on July 13.

Guam held the Dolphins to just 6 points in the second period of their finals match up to pull away from a tight first quarter where they enjoyed a 19-12 spread.

The lead ballooned further as the game went on as Guam continued with their hot shooting, while challenging every Dolphins shot attempt.

Guam's full court pressure defense also resulted in a number of steals and several turnovers that they converted into points at the other end.

Michael Min led all scorers with 15 points, while Napu San Luis chipped in 14. Holden Barcinas, Gabriel Simon, and Mark Temerowski had 7 markers each, while Aishea Grape, Eduardo Calvo, DeAndre Cruz, Tony Hseih, and Cloyd Rosas combined for 25 points.

Aaron Ogumoro was the lone Dolphin to score in double digits with 13, while Christian Arceo and Emmanuel Cobacha were held to 8 and 7 points.

Palau settled for third place following a 108-60 crushing of the Marianas Alu'u in the first game.

Wallace Worswick, who scored 17 in Palau's 70-59 semis loss to the Dolphins, went berserk with a game-high 31 points with Omar Ganac ending up with 22, while M.J. Baysa tallied 11 markers,

Khalid Islam and Evan Miller scattered 17 points each for the Alu'u.

### First Game

**Palau 108** – Worswick 31, Ganac 22, Baysa 11, Canate 9, De Lina 8, Sungino 8, Goodall 6, Reklai 4, Tarkong 4, Stark 2, Timarong 2.

**Marianas Alu'u 60** – Islam 17, Miller 17, Lizama 9, Itaas 8, Pangelinan 6, Norita 3.

**Scoring by quarters:** 19-12, 48-25, 79-43, 108-60.

### Second Game

**Guam 75** – Min 15, San Luis 14, Barcinas 7, Simon 7, Temerowski 7, Grape 6, Calvo 5, Cruz 5, Hseih 5, Rosas 4.

**Marianas Dolphins 40** – Ogumoro 13, Arceo 8, Cobacha 7, Alipio 4, Factor 3, Mamaril 2, Mendoza 2, Dancoe 1.

**Scoring by quarters:** 19-12, 37-18, 57-28, 75-40.

## NMI

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is awaiting to be resurfaced to get back to its Level II international certification, is expected to be the main hub of the Mini Games where the opening and closing ceremonies, and athletics events will be held.

The Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Baseball and Miguel "Tan Ge" Pangelinan Softball fields, Marianas High School Gymnasium, TSL Sports Complex, the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool, and the American Memorial Park tennis courts are the other venues considered to host various competitions.

Hyatt Regency Saipan, Fiesta Resort & Spa-Saipan, and Pacific Islands Club-Saipan also have tennis courts and beach volleyball courts

Athletics, badminton, golf, tennis, va'a, volleyball (indoor and beach), baseball, sailing, swimming, triathlon, weightlifting, and wrestling are the 12 sports to be played in the 2021 Mini Games.

American Samoa, the Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Guam, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, New Caledonia, Niue, Norfolk Island, Samoa, Palau, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Tahiti, Tonga, Tuvalu, Tokelau, and Wallis and Futuna are the other competing countries aside from host CNMI.

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Tabin, biker Xander Khan, and runner Rommel Buenaflor—finished second clocking 1:20:03, while the duo of Tiffany Lin and Joshua Berger placed third at 1:21:07.

Team Fishing Tackle's Jeanie Thompson, Jorge Bartolata, and Daniel Marzan was the other squad that competed and submitted a time of 1:26:54. They could have finished second or third but Marzan ran more than 5K after missing the turn around at FEBC.

Nap Dizon was the overall winner in the road bike category, beating youngster Jerome Diyco in a neck-and-neck race to the finish line. He clocked in 1:15:59 or three seconds ahead of Diyco (1:16:02) while Bob Ferrer was third (1:18:39).

Dencio Bautista (1:18:41), Ariel Garcia (1:18:43), and Cezar Fortaleza (1:21:30) were the Top 3 finishers in the 36-over road bike category, while Andrew Estepa (52:10) and Marjorie Marfega (53:32) ruled the male and female beginners division.

Richard Asuncion was the fastest rider in the MTB division with a time of 56:09 followed closely by Mark Isip (56:13) and Ferdinand Ramos (1:00:01).

Jay Diyco was the lone participant in the 31-45 age group (1:23:48), while Rommel Isidro (1:05:40), Gerry Esquivel (1:07:47), and Ponce Corotan (1:16:17) came in 1-2-3 in the 46-over.

Rodney Catalla (51:10) and Arvin Daluyen (1:24:40) were the Top 2 male in the beginners division with Vernice Ronda (57:16) and Claire Lanuza (1:03:40) duplicating the feat in the women's side.

A total of 49 individuals participated in the fundraising event where the Top 3 finishers were given medals and other prizes.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 49 | 41 | .544 | — |
| Tampa Bay | 47 | 46 | .505 | 3½ |
| Baltimore | 45 | 45 | .500 | 4 |
| Toronto | 46 | 47 | .495 | 4½ |
| Boston | 42 | 49 | .462 | 7½ |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kansas City | 54 | 35 | .607 | — |
| Minnesota | 50 | 41 | .549 | 5 |
| Detroit | 45 | 45 | .500 | 9½ |
| Cleveland | 43 | 47 | .478 | 11½ |
| Chicago | 42 | 47 | .472 | 12 |

**West Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Los Angeles | 50 | 40 | .556 | — |
| Houston | 50 | 43 | .538 | 1½ |
| Texas | 43 | 47 | .478 | 7 |
| Seattle | 42 | 49 | .462 | 8½ |
| Oakland | 42 | 51 | .452 | 9½ |

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**East Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Washington | 49 | 40 | .551 | — |
| New York | 47 | 44 | .516 | 3 |
| Atlanta | 43 | 48 | .473 | 7 |
| Miami | 38 | 53 | .418 | 12 |
| Philadelphia | 31 | 62 | .333 | 20 |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| St. Louis | 58 | 33 | .637 | — |
| Pittsburgh | 53 | 37 | .589 | 4½ |
| Chicago | 48 | 41 | .539 | 9 |
| Cincinnati | 40 | 48 | .455 | 16½ |
| Milwaukee | 40 | 52 | .435 | 18½ |

**West Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Los Angeles | 52 | 40 | .565 | — |
| San Francisco | | 48 | 43 | .5273½ |
| Arizona | 42 | 47 | .472 | 8½ |
| San Diego | 43 | 49 | .467 | 9 |
| Colorado | 39 | 51 | .433 | 12 |

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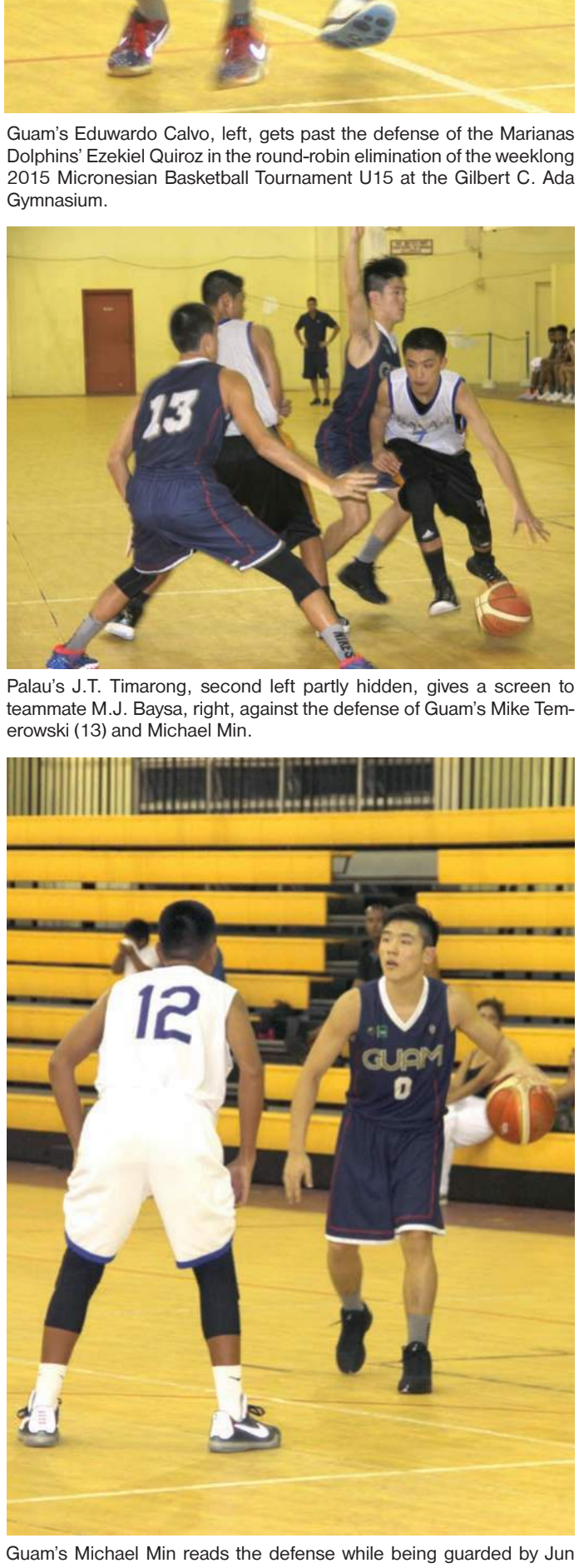
# Micronesian Basketball Tournament U15

**PHOTOS By JON PEREZ**

Guam's Eduwardo Calvo, left, gets past the defense of the Marianas Dolphins' Ezekiel Quiroz in the round-robin elimination of the weeklong 2015 Micronesian Basketball Tournament U15 at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



Palau's J.T. Timarong, second left partly hidden, gives a screen to teammate M.J. Baysa, right, against the defense of Guam's Mike Temerowski (13) and Michael Min.



Guam's Michael Min reads the defense while being guarded by Jun Alipio of the Marianas Dolphins.

The Marianas Dolphins' Jude Tengco, left, drives past the defense of Khristian Itaas of the Marianas Alu'u.

Palau's M.J. Baysa slows down as he waits for his teammates.

Christian Arceo of the Marianas Dolphins, center, splits the defense of Palau's Wallace Worswick, right, and Richard Canate.

Guam's Michael Min, center, gets trapped by the defense of two Marianas Dolphins players.

Palau's M.J. Baysa, right, dribbles past the defense of Guam's Alschea Grape.

Jude Tengco of the Marianas Dolphins, right, challenges the defense of Palau's Wallace Worswick in their opening game last week.

The Marianas Dolphins' Jun Alipio, right, tries to go to the baseline against the defense of Palau's Franzen Tarkong.

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# Guam completes dominance in MBT

JON PEREZ
Team Guam was unstoppable in the 2015 Micronesian Basketball Tournament U15 after beating the Marianas Dolphins, 75-40, in last Saturday's finals at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Guam completed its dominating run in the 2015 Micronesian Basketball Tournament U15 with a methodical 75-40 win over the Marianas Dolphins in last Saturday's finals at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Guam, which used the tournament as part of its preparation to the 2015 U16 FIBA Oceania tournament in December in Australia, swept all six games in the five-team field. They averaged 94.7 points a game while holding their opponents to 32.9 per outing.

"The scores are not an indicative of our performance. I told my players that we need to compete hard the whole game and keep their work ethic no matter what," said Guam coach Brent Tipton, whose wards cruised to a 95-26 rout of the Marianas Alu'u in the semifinals.

"Dribbling, passing, and shooting are the main focus of our high school development program. We also work on our

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## NMI can't wait to host '21 Mini Games

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The CNMI's turn to host the 2021 Pacific Mini Games is still six years away but Northern Marianas Sports Association president Michael A. White said that the Commonwealth is ready to welcome athletes of the 21 other competing nations on Saipan.

Saipan, which previously bid for the 2017 Games that was awarded to Vanuatu, will be hosting the scaled down version of the quadrennial sporting event sometime in June or July 2021.

White, in an interview with Radio New Zealand before the closing ceremony of the XV Pacific Games in Port Moresby last Saturday, White said Saipan intends to emulate Papua New Guinea's welcoming spirit.

The NMSA chief, who led a 35-member CNMI delegation to the recently concluded Pacific Games, added that Saipan's sports facilities are pretty much in place.

"We're pretty much all set for facilities, other than we need to build some toilet and shower blocks in the Games Village or Villages and we'd like to extend the grandstand in the main stadium. Other than that we're pretty well set," said White in the RNZ interview.

NMSA is at the forefront of organizing the Mini Games where it is seeking the support of the government and the private sector to ensure the successful hosting.

The Oleai Sports Complex, which has the Oleai track oval that

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## Vets Antonio, McKagan lead fundraising race winners

JON PEREZ
Kimiko McKagan smiles as she nears the finish line at the Pau Pau Beach parking lot to rule the women's division of yesterday's Islander Rent-A-Car Road To Ironman Triathlon and Bike Race.

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Veteran triathletes Florence Antonio and Kimiko McKagan ruled their respective events to lead the list of winners in yesterday's Islander Rent-A-Car Road To Ironman Triathlon and Bike Race at the Pau Pau Beach Park.

The race—divided into a triathlon and mountain and road bike events—is a fundraising event for Erico Castro, who will be competing with Peter Presley in this year's Cobra Ironman 70.3 in Cebu City, Philippines.

Antonio was the top individual male with a combined time of 1:10:31 in the 1-kilometer swim, 20K bike, and 5K run around the island's northern side. Youngster David Boyer was 56 seconds behind at 1:11:27 to settle for runner-up honors, while Von Adrian B. Libayan, another teen participant, came in third with 1:20:07.

Antonio was the ninth swimmer out of the water with a time of 15:22 behind Boyer (10:58) and Libayan (11:11). He was again third after the bike behind the two teen racers but managed to pass them in the bike portion of the race to clinch top honors.

McKagan topped the women's side with a combined time of 1:11:48, while Tomomi Sato settled for second place at 1:24:45 and Mamiko Berger came in third at 1:25:53.

The father-and-daughter team of Colin and Jinju Thompson was the fastest relay team with 1:18:03. Jinju, who was the second fastest swimmer at 10:59 or just a second behind Boyer, took on the swim and run legs while her dad completed the bike portion.

The three-person Team BRX—composed of swimmer Ben

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